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Valena C. Jones to present 'Glory Train'

The Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church congregation will present the play "The Glory Train" today at 1 a.m. at the church, 248 Sycamore St. in Bay St. Louis. All are invited.

Macedonia Church begins 4-day revival

Macedonia M.B. Church, 408 Louisa St., Waveland, will host a revival this Monday through Thursday, with the Rev. Lee E. Morris Jr., pastor of Zion Progressive Baptist in Leland. The public is invited.

Turkey shoot/auction for 'Li'l Leprechaun'

There will be a turkey shoot and auction at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb., at the Lakeshore VFW for the Waveland Civic Association's "Li'l Mr. Leprechaun" candidate Richard Dahl. For more information, call 463-0711.

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Dr. Irene Koskan gets emotional at a workshop meeting with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and Hancock Medical Centers Board of Trustees as she reads aloud a letter from her medical malpractice insurance carrier that it will not renew her policy.

Supervisors, hospital board discuss options as doctors 'walk-out' looms

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors will likely follow suit with Harrison County tomorrow morning and declare a state of emergency in antici-

pation of the physicians' "walk-out," which will leave only one surgeon on call at a time to cover four Coast hospitals.

Supervisors met in a workshop session with members of the Hancock Medical Center

Board of Trustees on Friday to discuss the pending walk-out, which doctors say will begin at 7 a.m. Monday.

American Medical Response ambulance service Vice-President Steve Delahousey appealed to supervisors at the meeting Friday to declare the emergency.

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Missing woman found at Kiln home

Hadn't been in contact with family since 1999

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A mother reported as missing in August 2001, was located on Thursday by Hancock County Investigator Bert Johnson, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

The reason the person was reported as missing because her family had not heard from her since 1999.

"This week the daughter of Mrs. Janis Lea Herring called to further check on her mother and in checking our files no headway on the case was made in 2001, so I handed the case over to Investigator Bert Johnson this week," Chief Investigator Bob Lambert said Friday.

Johnson in his report, said he was able to trace Mrs. Herring to a Road 406, Kiln residence following two days of intensive

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Hancock water gets 'all clear' from officials

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Officials say tests done with a carbon filtration system on well water from the new Hancock County Water and Sewer District's Phase 1 water system had outstanding results in clearing the water.

Engineer Bob Escher - who met with Calgon last week - and the district's con-

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Supervisors OK Little Lake dredging project

Decision comes after years of battles with environmental groups

BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Supervisors gave their approval to the Port and Harbor Commission to accept a \$928,805 bid from Southwind Construction Corp. for the Little Lake dredging project and for an entrance channel mainte-

nance dredging project at Port Bienville. Last week the commission was victorious in winning a suit filed by Tulane Law Clinic to stop the dredging at Little Lake. Suits filed by environmentalists have held up the project for years.

The project will get underway after planners met with the contractor and for the pre-construction bid process, said Port director Greg Deakle. Tulane could still file another suit to try to stay the 404 permit or they could appeal the decision,

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The Hancock County Bar Association has a new president, Tom Berry, left; secretary, Harry Ward; and vice-president, Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt. Not pictured is new association treasurer Zach Butterworth.

Hancock RSVP looks for volunteers

Group of 30-year-olds to county agencies

BY ELLIE C. CUEVAS

Public Emeritus Hancock County's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will celebrate 30 years of hundreds of seniors who have found time to help their fellow-man.

JoAnn Lagasse, executive director of Hancock's RSVP on Friday said, "RSVP now has over 400 volunteers who work at some 44 stations throughout the county, including John C. Stennis Space Center's Visitor Museum and Launch Pad."

RSVP is open to residents over 55 years of age. There are really no requirements other than working at least one hour per month,

Lagasse said. "Many of our longtime volunteers still contribute, even, hampered by health problems, by doing such things as making telephone calls for many projects."

"We can still use many others to help as our population increases and the demands are increasing," Lagasse added.

Among old-timers from the beginning of the RSVP program in Hancock County, Mrs. Maggie Dambrino, 95, is still active, Lagasse reports.

RSVP volunteers work with folks of all ages, such as being monitors in the school system, Hancock Medical Center volunteers, Hancock County I-10 Welcome Center, Waveland City Court, Waveland Police and Sheriff's departments, Red Cross blood drives, Food Pantry, Hancock Chamber, St. Vincent de

Paul, Waveland Hospitality Station, Meals on Wheels, community special events, etc.

This is the time of year when several members of RSVP work with AARP's Tax Assistance program.

You really do not have to have any special skills to become a member of RSVP, as some of the projects include addressing news letters and mail-outs or making special ribbons for special occasions, and there is always someone to give some help if needed.

"Hancock County's RSVP is the second in the nation to work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and at this we could use a few more volunteers for the Stennis Museum and Launch Pad," Lagasse reports.

Some RSVP volunteers work several hours a week or per month, and it is real-

ly up to them as to how much time they want to donate to their community.

"If you think you may be interested in becoming a part of the over 400 members of RSVP, give me a call at 467-9204," Lagasse said.

Hancock County RSVP program is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, and cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

It is also an agency of the United Way of South Mississippi. The City of Waveland is the sponsor of RSVP.

The staff includes Lagasse, Mary Turcotte and Jane Clayton, with the office located upstairs in the Bay St. Louis Depot.

An Advisory Committee of a cross section of 20 residents of Hancock County also support the program.

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Arts Council meetings Wed.

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"If you have not yet completed the Arts Council Hancock County needs assessment form, please do so today," urges Gwen Impson, the volunteer behind the effort. Impson said that questionnaires are available through all branches of the Hancock County Library System, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Da Beach House and Bookends.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to inventory resources to build support for the formation of an organization to support the arts in Hancock County.

It also asks interested artists and supporters to provide information that

will be beneficial toward the creation of a directory of all visual artists, performing artists, writers and artisans / craftspersons, a website, and a community calendar of arts related activities.

"We want to hear from the community as to what is needed in the arts community and what role a county wide arts association should play," said Impson.

To learn more, interested artists and supporters are encouraged to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, January 29 at 4pm at the Bay St. Louis Branch of the Hancock County Library System.

For more information call the Hancock Chamber at 467-9048.

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Scene from the intramurals at Our Lady Academy.

O.L.A. to host annual 'Intramurals' event

BY ELLIE C. ASPER

Contributing Writer

When you go to find a gym full of screaming, dancing teenage girls bedecked in tacky attire and wearing way too much make-up? No, I am not describing an N'SYNC show. What I am talking about is Intramurals, an event put on by Our Lady Academy annually. As unique as the crescent moon that serves as the school's mascot, Intramurals is a night of competition between grades seven-through-twelve at O.L.A. Classes pick a theme, around which they create costumes, a backdrop, and a dance/skit of sorts. Their presentations are evaluated by a panel of judges (comprised primarily of O.L.A. alumni), and at the end of the evening, one class emerges with the prestigious banana award, a trophy which parodies the illustrious O.L.A. crescent moon. More traditional athletic events are also part of the evening's festivities, such as a free-throw contest, a tug-of-war, and a three-legged race.

The event is sponsored by the Crescent Athletic Club, an organization that was created to promote school spirit at Our Lady Academy.

"The purpose of Intramurals is to join together all classes in building school spirit and unity as we compete against each other in the spirit of sportsmanship," Elise Deane, O.L.A. faculty adviser, said. "Allone had the girls in mind when she was the P.E. teacher at the time, and she provided an event that school spirit was not just a word, but a joy."

Three years later, Our Lady Academy seen its original theme, and O.L.A. Julie Cranford, O.L.A. ideas such as the class members and letter, and activities

theme, when all the girls in one grade dressed as puppets.

"Intramurals has always been a big deal at O.L.A.," commented Cranford. "Losing classes used to wear black armbands to school the following day to protest the judges' decisions."

Ballone too has fond memories of the event: "It was really exciting for the girls because the idea of holding an event like [Intramurals] was a new frontier for them, something that they hadn't seen before."

The event was founded with an emphasis on athletics, with the theme being a means by which the classes could make creative cheers. As the themes got more involved and the costumes more creative, classes began to focus on competing through original dances that encompassed their themes more than they focused on athletics.

Senior Julie Reboul said, "I like performing because it is fun to show people how our class can display our abilities in creative ways that aren't really school related."

This occasion of class unity promotes school spirit as well, as students genuinely have a good time spending a weekend night at a school function.

"Intramurals is one of the things that really makes O.L.A. unique," said O.L.A. vice-principal and campus ministry coordinator Sister Elisa. "What other school can get an entire student body to come out on a Friday night, dress up, and dance like our students do?" And all this, mind you, on a \$50 per class budget, which often translates into garbage bag and discount fabric costumes.

"It's definitely interesting to see what the students come up with each year," said Cranford. This spirited occasion can be witnessed by anyone wishing to attend the event, which will be held on Friday, January 31 at 6 in the evening at the Our Lady Academy gym. May the best class win.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Jan. 17 to Jan. 24. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Darrin Simmons, 38, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Benjamin Y. Reyes, 35, DUI (1st), possession while operating motor vehicle
- Russell E. Fitch, 44, possession of controlled substance
- Melvin E. Strong Jr., 50, DUI (1st), refused test, careless driving, one headlight
- Ralph William Becker, 39, parole violation, no tail light, suspended driver's license, DUI (2nd), possession with intent to distribute (marijuana)
- James Richard Ogg, 20, speeding, military desertion, hold for military
- Patrick J. Guidry, 37, DUI (1st), refused test

- Thomas J. Cobb, 48, careless driving
- Ronald Steven Ladner, 23, DUI (1st)
- Scott N. Taratavouille, 33, driving while driver's license suspended, no insurance, following too close
- Kent Watson Pannell, 49, malicious mischief
- William Caston, 43, driving on suspended driver's license, no insurance, speeding
- Travis Haynes, 32, contempt of court, (warrant), suspended driver's license, no seat belt, no insurance
- George D. Wainwright, 30, reckless driving, no insurance, suspended driver's license, DUI (2nd)
- George Munguia, 23, speeding, no driver's license
- David W. Flowers, 22, DUI (1st), driving while driver's license suspended, no tag
- Rhonda Annette Ishee, 30, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Jose Alfredo Salazar, 24, DUI (1st), careless driving

- Donald G. Nurse, 42, DUI (1st), failure to dim headlights
- Dan David Duplantis, 32, DUI (1st), no proof of insurance, failure to yield
- Danny A. West, 27, contempt of court, (warrant), failure to appear
- Timothy J. Cunningham, 26, disorderly conduct, simple assault (domestic)
- Jerry Grant Johnson, 24, resisting arrest by flight, littering, false information, possession of paraphernalia, parole violation
- Brandy Rowell, 19, withholding information from police officer, no driver's license, harboring fugitive
- Gladys T. Crowe, 44, one count bad check, hold for Pass Police Department, expired driver's license, no insurance, careless driving
- Scott K. Eldred, 29, no seat belt, failure to yield to traffic device, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Kipsy Miller, 46, bad check, hold for Pearl River

- Pam Ricca, 45, public drunk
- Steven Anthony Morel, 18, disturbance of family (domestic)
- Jeffrey R. Thompson, 33, DUI (1st), speeding
- Bruce M. Stanovich, 42, suspended driver's license, (warrant)
- Jack Ryan Vincent, 22, one count sale of controlled substance
- Buddy John Lebouef, 25, disturbance of peace (domestic), resisting arrest
- Rene Martin Young, 55, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Paula Rebecca Bourne, 41, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Babara Seal, 40, domestic violence (simple)
- David W. Seal Jr., 19, domestic violence (simple)
- Willie V. Thompson, 39, public drunk, possession of paraphernalia
- Chadwick S. Carbo, 45, simple assault (domestic)
- Brandie S. Paine, 19, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)

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Address applications to:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Attn: William W. Parsons, Jr., LFCC Chair
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Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000

Additional information regarding qualifications may be obtained from Bari Matherne, Director of Resource Development, United Way of South Mississippi, 228-863-4884 ext. 13.

Hope Haven named best MS small non-profit

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Hope Haven Children's Shelter was selected as the best small non-profit in the state at the "Salute to Business and Industry Awards" at the "Mississippi Business Expo" held in Jackson January 22. The event is hosted by the Mississippi Business Journal.

The non-profit shelter for abused and neglected children was one of over 50 non-profits competing and one of five finalists from across the state.

The criteria for the award included the overall business plan and performance

of the organization, the level of community support and tangible services provided to members of the community.

Hope Haven enjoys wide support from businesses, organizations, churches and individuals. The shelter has cared for over 1,500 children since opening its doors in 1996.

Board President Margie Toups, who received the award at the Expo ceremony in Jackson, was thrilled that Hope Haven was selected.

"This award speaks to

the hard work, dedication and perseverance of everyone who has been involved with Hope Haven over the last eight years. This award not only recognizes our contributions to the lives of the children we serve and to our community, but it also recognizes the organizational and business skills that must be in place to make any non-profit or for profit organization succeed. We are very proud that we have won this award from business professionals who recognize that we are good stewards of the funds entrusted to us."

The Salute to Business and Industry Awards are held annually, and awards are given in many categories including commercial, industrial, food and lodging; health, emerging technologies and innovative services and products.

This award is the second statewide award Hope Haven has received, with the first being given to their Director Terry Latham for his service to abused and neglected children.

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Save Our Children offering a series of programs on safety

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On January 30 at 4 p.m. at the Save Our Children Center, 405 N. Main Avenue in Bay St. Louis, the first of a series of safety programs will be offered.

Sgt. R. Hannah of the Bay St. Louis Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be presenting monthly classes on safety.

All children enrolled in Save Our Children and their parents are urged to attend this important

series. The schedule for the rest of the series is as follows:

February 20: Hazards of Smoking

March 20: Drinking

April 16: Drugs

May 15: Fingerprinting

The Hancock County Task Force to Save Our Children is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to promote community improvement through identifying obtaining and operating programs designed to serve youth in age groups 5

through 19.

During the school year, children come to the center to complete their homework assignments with help from staff and volunteer tutors, who also guide the youngsters in improving computer skills.

When their work is done, the children enjoy supervised recreation as well as special workshops on such topics as self-esteem, safety, drug awareness and hygiene. For information call the center at 466-0401.

Pass Christian honors 'Polly' Justice as its own 'Ageless Hero'

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Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald and local citizens honored one of the city's dedicated "Ageless Heroes" Friday at 10 a.m.

Frances "Polly" Justice's name was submitted to the Mississippi Ageless Hero Committee, and although she was not chosen as one of the top Ageless Heroes, the mayor presented her with an "Outstanding Recognition" certificate, followed by a reception.

This presentation was at the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, where she volunteers three days a week. She also volunteers at Hancock and Garden Park Medical centers. Justice, 87, is active in her church, First Presbyterian in Bay St. Louis, and other organizations.

She grew up in Mississippi and was educated in Jackson, where she lived for many years. Since leaving Jackson, she had a long-term career with the Social Security Administration, serving in



Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald and Polly Justice.

offices in Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. After retiring from Social Security, she was self-employed as a Medicare Hearing officer in Georgia.

She returned to her native Mississippi in 1992, and has lived in Pass Christian since that time. In 1993, she married her high-

school sweetheart, John Justice. She has five children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Justice said she was deeply touched by the recognition, but her belief is that she has been given the privilege to serve, and that is what is important to her — not the recognition.

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by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Mother Nature's giving us the cold shoulder

Thursday was a very chilly day, and it got colder, colder and colder as night came. I just could not get warmed up on Thursday. The Friday morning temperatures in the teens could really be felt, too. Whenever we have temperatures in the teens, it is very cold for us. Hopefully by today our temperatures will be getting back to normal for this time of year. By the way, Hancock Bank's Time and Temp line must have had a record number of calls on Friday morning.

Not every community can boast of having an American astronaut as a visitor. Just this past Wednesday, there was not one, but four astronauts at the John C. Stennis Space Center. STS-113 astronauts Commander Jim Wetherbee, Pilot Paul Lockhart and Mission Specialists Michael Lopez-Alegria and John Herrington gave a presentation about their recent mission to the International Space Station to students from a number of area schools.

Of course, the trip made to the International Space Station was made with engines tested right here at home. Over the years we have had numerous astronauts visit the space center located in Hancock County. I am sure the students will always remember the day they listened to and received autographs from astronauts.

I can remember several years back when an astronaut was a guest speaker for a Chamber of Commerce banquet and Jane and I met him and his wife at the airport.

It was a thrill to us and one we will always remember.

The space center in our county has brought some of the most interesting people to our community.

By the way, if you haven't visited the Space Center's Museum, you do not know what your are missing.

There is just so much there to see, and not only space-related, but also information about the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography, National Data Buoy, Earth Science, Gulf of Mexico Program, Technology Transfer, Private Industry, Higher Education and much more which is being done right here in Hancock County.

The tour is free, just drop by the Launch Pad located at the Mississippi I-10 Welcome Center. Be sure to bring a photo identification.

Saddam's dark history could repeat itself

History repeats itself because we often forget its lessons.

Throughout history, good intentions, well meaning, bright, idealistic people have tried to end war, poverty and suffering by appealing the world's evil despots - forgetting the tyrants' history of atrocities in order to preserve an uneasy and temporary peace. It is a naive strategy which has never worked. It did not work with Hitler, Mussolini, or Tojo. It did not work with the communists. It will not work with



From the Senate

By U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

Saddam Hussein either. Today the government of Iraq is engaged in a disin-

formation campaign designed to capitalize on our tendency to forget even the most recent past and to view the world through a momentary spectrum - to often judge the most cruel regimes as somehow acceptable as long as there is no "direct" and "imminent" threat to our present existence. Right now, freedom loving people must not forget the long, cruel record of Saddam Hussein's Iraq. To do so,

would be a terrible blunder - akin to Britain and France's costly attempt to pacify the Nazis in 1939.

Saddam Hussein's Iraq is a dictatorship - the lowest, shallowest, most primitive form of government known to mankind. It is a type of government which suppresses freedom of religion, speech and assembly.

Rather than a government of the people as we enjoy, it is a government which uses people as pawns for the dictator's personal use.

Saddam Hussein regularly places women and children close to military installations and targets. He hopes these "human shields" will deter attacks against his military and

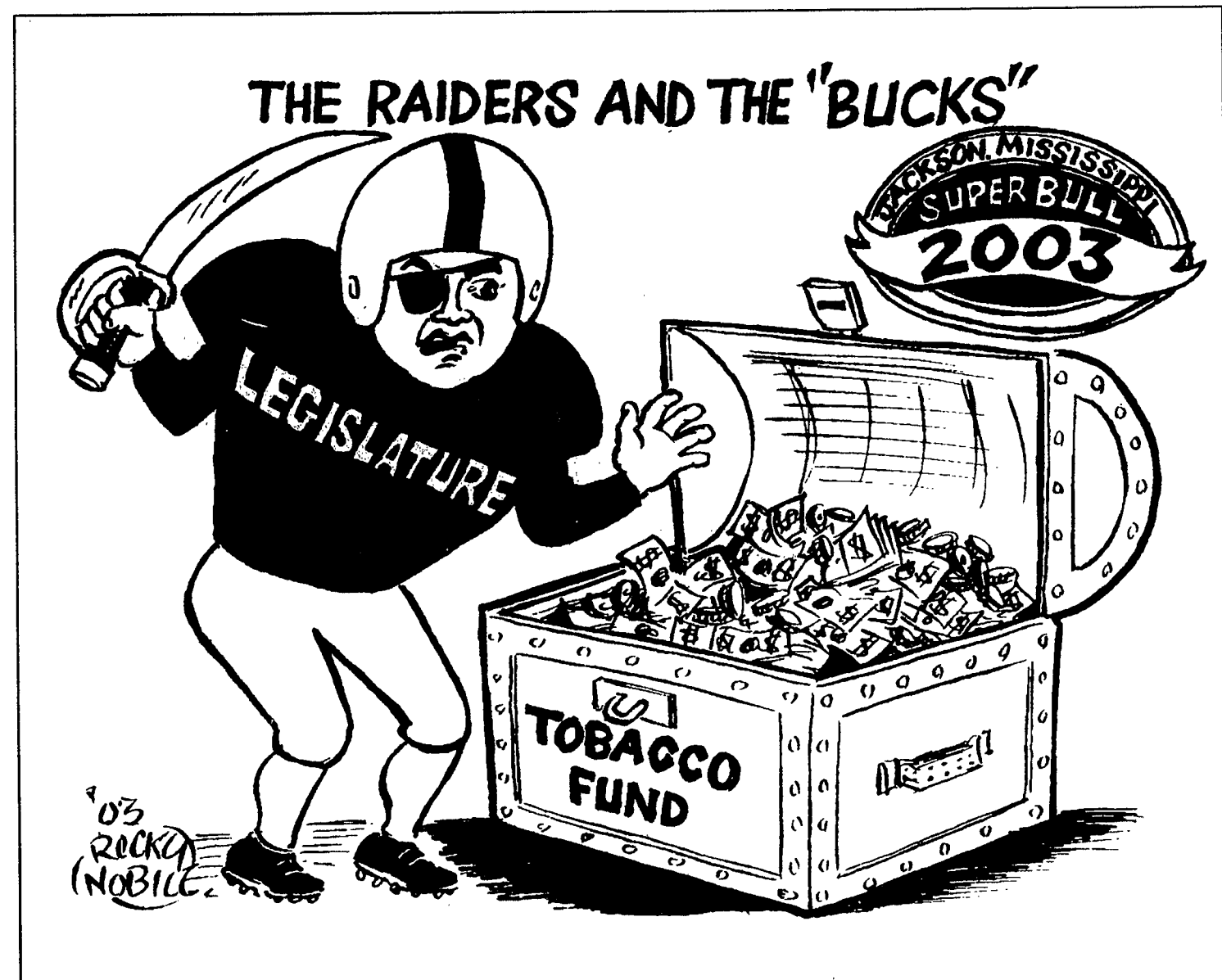
personal assets.

This "strategy" speaks for itself. He used human shields in the 1991 Gulf War. He uses them now. This cruel aspect of Saddam's policy speaks volumes about Saddam Hussein the man, and we would do well to remember it.

Saddam has already used weapons of mass destruction on his own people. For some reason, a lot of pacifists in our country and abroad would like to forget this fact.

They ignore the terrible video taken after Saddam's assault on the Kurds, a minority group within Iraq who would like to depose

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Another historic first for Mississippi

This week, we have seen another historic first for Mississippi. During a time when almost every state in the nation is making dramatic cuts to education, we are taking action that demonstrates true leadership and commitment to our children.

During my State of the State, I asked the legislature to fully fund education and to do it now. With the recent action by the Senate and House, I look forward to signing that bill next week. What a historic time for Mississippi - our students deserve nothing less.

With a national recession that continues to affect our state, we must continue to fight for Mississippi's future.

By putting our schools first and funding education at a level that will meet the needs of every community, not just those that are prosperous, we will guarantee the success of our children and our grandchildren. When we crafted the

Adequate Education Program in 1995, we saw a future for every community. Local communities bear the brunt of mandated programs that are not funded.

Each community in the state has been faced with the possibility of a local millage rate increase to pay for required education.

By our actions this week, we are proving to the people of Mississippi that we are truly committed to our schools.

The bills also restore funding, as I requested, to our community and junior colleges as well as to our four-year universities. These institutions have been forced to raise tuition in order to offset cuts made in recent years.

The recent legislative action will provide stability to campus operations and enhance our ability to retain faculty members.

Our investment in education is paying off.

Princeton Review recently ranked Mississippi's test-



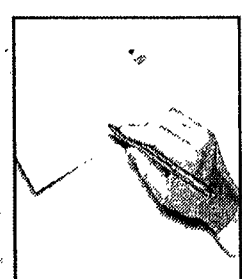
From the Governor

By Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

Letters to the Editor

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ing program in the top ten in the nation. Our test scores are up, more of our high school students are going to college, and we are now paying our teachers as the professionals that they are. Our well-thought-out plan is placing our state into national prominence.

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We all know that learning is a lifelong endeavor. By providing learning opportunities to every Mississippian, beginning with early childhood and continuing into adulthood, we will make a difference in our state.

When the national recession causes loss of jobs, we must make sure we provide retraining programs that will help workers return to the workforce.

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Lott -- bad, bad Saddam

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Saddam. The pictures show mothers and their babies lying dead along dirt streets shortly after a chemical attack by Saddam.

The expression forever etched on their faces depicts the agony of their final moments. It is a horrible sight, one the world should never forget.

Saddam Hussein has played games with the United Nations (UN) for more than a decade. In my view, the U N faces a serious test with Iraq -- one that could determine its success or failure as a global peace-keeping organization.

We must not forget that the UN has passed resolutions calling on Iraq to dis-

arm. Remember, Iraq agreed to a UN weapons inspection program as part of the cease-fire agreement in the Gulf War, but then threw out the UN inspectors without consequences.

Today, the threat of force by America has again leveraged the UN inspectors back into Iraq, but Saddam is still playing games with them.

Saddam hopes to stall and prolong inspections indefinitely. He hopes we'll tire, and again forget his well-documented words openly proclaiming his intention to acquire new weapons of mass destruction.

If you look at Saddam Hussein's career, there is

clearly no doubt about what type of ruler he is and what his eventual intentions are. Saddam wants to dominate the Arab world by force.

He wants to try to blackmail the free world with weapons of mass destruction.

He would very likely give nuclear, chemical or biological weapons to terrorists like Osama bin Laden. These are serious, sobering thoughts.

At this point, I do not know if a war with Iraq will happen or not. That is really up to Saddam Hussein and his willingness to abide by the UN mandates. What I do know is that this dictator is a typical dictator.

He has a long history of

lies, distortions, destruction and death.

It is a record that Saddam Hussein would certainly like for the world to forget one more time -- just long enough for him to get the weapons he desperately wants.

But, given the warped future Saddam could shape with nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, humanity can hardly afford to forget Saddam's dark history much longer.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

Mississippi's Arbor Day and Tree Planting Week

THE SEA COAST ECHO
"Plant a Tree for Someone you Love" is the appropriate theme for Mississippi's 77th Arbor Day, which falls on Valentine's Day, February 14, this year. The following week is "Tree Planting Week in Mississippi."

The State Arbor Day celebration will be held on the south steps of the State Capitol Building in Jackson at 10 a.m., Friday, February 14.

It will feature remarks by a representative of the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts; State Forester Jim Sledge, Mississippi Forestry Commission; and State Representative Bobby B.

Howell. Boy Scout Troop 4039 from Winona will present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Patricia Montgomery, Mississippi Forestry Commission, will lead the National Anthem. APAC School for Creative Presentation, Jackson Public Schools, will present an Arbor Day skit, and Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck will deliver an address.

The program will conclude with the planting of a memorial tree for deceased U.S. Forest Service firefighter John Self of Winona. Self was killed while fighting a wildfire in California in 2002.

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and water conservation district county offices will provide seedlings to the public at no cost or nominal cost during the first two weeks of February. Call your local soil and water conservation district office for details.

The Mississippi Urban Forestry Council is offering Mississippians a unique opportunity to celebrate Arbor Day and Valentine's Day -- by planting a tree in honor of "Your Valentine" in a public place.

The tree-friendly organization will plant a tree in a public place and mail a Valentine card and certificate to the honoree. Requests should be made prior to February 10 so certificates can be received by

Valentine's Day.

Contact Donna Yowell at the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council for details. The telephone number is (601) 856-1660. Requests can be made by e-mail to dyowell@aol.com

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Hancock, Harrison, and Stone counties have help on the way to solve the drastic shortage of social workers that has crippled the Department of Human Services in South Mississippi.

In 1999 there were 22 social workers working out of Gulfport to investigate cases of child neglect and abuse. Today that number has dwindled to nine.

The state's low pay for licensed social workers has failed to attract people to fill the positions vacated by retiring workers and those who left to pursue higher salaries in the private sector.

The vacancies have made it impossible for the staff at DHS to follow up on the 1,000 pending cases, leaving many children in hostile or dangerous environments.

We earmarked \$1.1 million to be spent on critical

social worker shortage areas in the state, providing money for the vacant positions and increasing the pay by five percent.

The money was taken from among others the Secretary of State's special funds.

In this loan budget year many have worried that education might be on the chopping block as it is in many other states -- not in Mississippi.

To allay fears that the education budget had an uncertain future, the House of Representatives and the Senate both passed fast-track bills that funded education for public schools, community colleges and universities.

During session, Dirk Dedeaux can be reached at the Capitol at (601) 359-3311.



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By State Rep. Dirk
Dedeaux

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KENNETH SUMMY
PATTY ANN YOUNG

Bennett of Pass Christian; two daughters, Lauren Bennett and Rachel Bennett, both of Phoenix, Ariz.
 Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Gulfport. Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport, is in charge of arrangements.

LEONARD LOTT
 Leonard Lott, 46, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003 in Gulfport.
 Mr. Lott was a native of Itta Bena, and was formerly employed with Allen Beverages Bottling Company. He was an associate minister of the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church.

EDDIE SPEARS
 Eddie M. Spears, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, MS, died Friday, January 24, 2003, in Biloxi, MS.
 Services are pending at Lockett-Williams' Mortuary, Inc., in Gulfport, MS.

KENNETH SUMMY
 Kenneth Dwayne Summy, 78, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003 in Gulfport.

Mr. Summy was born in Waterloo, Iowa and had been a resident of Gulfport for about fifty years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gulfport where he served as an usher. He was retired from sales.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Neva Maust Summy and Alvin M. Summy; a sister, Aileen Summy; and a brother, Glen Summy.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Thompson Summy of Gulfport; four children, Becky Belanger of San Jose, Calif., Bruce Summy of Houston, Texas, Renee Moore of Biloxi, Teresa Fish of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Al Summy of Bay St. Louis, and Verle Summy of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.; a sister, Marvilyn Williams of Silva, Mo.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at the Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 70, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.



PATTY ANN YOUNG
 Patty Ann Young, 60, of Gulfport, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Young was a native of Gulfport. She earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She had worked at the South Mississippi Regional Center and was a substitute teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Theresa Everett. Survivors include her husband, Jerry Young; two sons, Rob Young and Pat Young, all of Gulfport; one brother, Donald Everett; two sisters, Cathy Morgan and Christine Ross, all of Bay St. Louis; and four grandchildren. Visitation was Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church followed by services.

The family prefers memorials to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 E. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560 Riemann Funeral Home, 1718 25th Ave., Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

GUY COLE
 Guy A. (Bud) Cole, 83, of Diamondhead, MS, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Mr. Cole was a native of Indianola, IA and a resident of Diamondhead, MS for the past 16 years. He was of the Methodist Faith. He was a veteran of the United States Air Corps serving in World War II as a Staff Sergeant. He was employed with J.C. Penny's for eleven and half years, Mosiant Field, New Orleans International Airport for 18 years, SATO office at Keesler Air Force Base for five years before retiring which represents 23 years with Eddie Rickenbacker's Eastern Airlines. He was the owner of Cole's Clothing Store and Bud's Town Tavern in Waverly, IA. He was a member of Terrell Masonic Lodge No. 116, Waverly, IA, the Eastern Airlines Retirees Association and American Legion Post No. 0091.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlo Benson and Faye Guy Cole.

Survivors include; his wife of 58 years, Betty Jean Cole of Diamondhead; a son, David G. Cole of Mandeville, LA; four daughters, Cynthia G. Fagout of Hammond, LA, Sara G. Bundrick of Marrero, LA, Beth G. Carron of Alvarado, TX, and Lori G. Pertuit of AcWorth, GA; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services and burial at the Biloxi National Cemetery will be private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

JUNIOUS A. DANIELS
 Junious A. Daniels, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, MS, died Thursday, January 23, 2003, in Pass Christian, MS.

Services are pending at J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

PETER BERCHMANN GARCIA

Peter (Pete) Berchmann Garcia, 65, of Waveland, MS, died Thursday, January 23, 2003, in Bay St. Louis, MS. Mr. Garcia was a native of New Orleans, LA and a longtime resident of Waveland, MS. He was of the Catholic Faith and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis. He was a member of the American Legion Post 139, Bay St. Louis and IAM Mechanist Union through the Stennis Space Center.

He was preceded in death by his father, George A. Garcia and his mother, Stella Tudury.

Survivors include: his wife, Patsy (Pat) B. Garcia of Waveland, MS; a half-brother, George Garcia of Waveland; and a half-sister, Mary Lee Bergeron of Lema, Peru.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2003, from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis, MS. The Graveside Service and Burial will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

BENNY M. MARCUM
 Benny Maxwel Marcum, age unavailable, of Waveland, MS, died Friday, January 24, 2003, in Gulfport, MS.

Services are pending at Lockett-Williams' Mortuary, Inc., in Gulfport, MS.

REATHA ELNOR NEUMANN

Reatha Elnor Neumann, 83, of Bay St. Louis, MS died Thursday, January 23, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Neumann was born in Pekin, AR, Sept., 24, 1919 and a resident of Port St. John, FL for 20 years before moving to Bay St. Louis one year ago. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. She was a painter and ceramic artist and had been active in community work prior to becoming debilitated by rheumatoid arthritis.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Arthur Edward Neumann, Sr.; parents, Henry and Laura Knox Isenberg; two brothers, Marvin Isenberg and Ule Isenberg; two sisters, Alma Fears and Mae Crank.

Survivors include: a son, Arthur Edward (Ed) Neumann, Jr., of Craig, AK; a daughter, Karen Harvill of Waveland, MS; a sister, Alta Woodson of Bethalto, IL; and also by eight grandchildren; Arthur Blair of Pass Christian; Matthew Long of Henderson, NV; Fred Neumann of Craig, AK; Laura Neumann of Washington, DC; Olivia Vest of Biloxi; Rachael Long of Pass Christian; Simeon Long of Waveland; and Chloe Harvill of Waveland.

Interment will be private at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Bethalto, IL.

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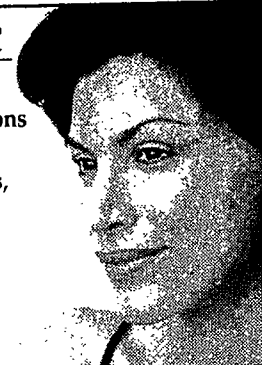
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BUSINESS NEWS

Senate panel OKs bill to require insurance before getting car tag

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Senate Insurance Committee approved a bill Thursday to require motorists to prove they have auto insurance coverage when buying a tag in person.

The original bill would require law enforcement officers to check for liability insurance coverage at legal roadblocks. They can only do so now under Mississippi law when a motorist is stopped for a traffic violation.

The committee amended the bill to deny license tags to any person who could not show proof of auto insurance when going to buy a tag at the tax collector's office.

The provision would not apply to motorists who repurchase tag decals through the mail.

Lawmakers have sought to more strictly enforce laws on motor vehicle insurance for than a decade. Compulsory automobile insurance bills have repeatedly failed.

The 2000 Legislature passed a law that requires motorists to carry insurance cards in their vehicles and show proof when stopped for a traffic violation. That law took effect Jan. 1, 2001.



Tourism award
State representative J. P. Compretta, right, is presented with the "Legislative Friend of Tourism" award from the Mississippi Tourism Association by Beth Carriere, executive director of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau. Compretta was honored for his help in creating a scenic byway program for the state's highways. The award was presented during the group's annual legislative luncheon last week in Jackson.

Catfish farmers hit by low prices, oversupply

By BARBARA POWELL
Associated Press Writer
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Faced with the lowest prices in 20 years and a market glut, Mississippi catfish farmers have cut back on stocking their ponds and even tried feeding their fish less while they hope for better times.

Some farmers have sold out and more will follow if prices don't rise and if the current oversupply continues, industry and agricultural economists say. The state's one publicly traded catfish farm operator, AquaPro Corp. posted no

revenues in the quarter ended Sept. 30 and losses of \$481,000.

"If prices don't go up this year, quite a few people that are just hanging on will have to liquidate because people aren't making the cash flow to pay off their loans for land and equipment," said Terry Hanson, an agricultural economist at Mississippi State University.

Louie Thompson is a Mississippi Delta farmer who raises catfish to fingerling size. But when his customers, farmers who grow fish to market size, quit

buying as many, Thompson had to find a way to keep his fingerlings from growing too big.

"I saw the food fish guys strapped for cash and some going out of business so I stopped feeding as much," Thompson said.

Many farmers are pinning their hopes on an industrywide campaign to get the U.S. Department of Commerce to agree with them that Vietnamese exporters have been dumping catfish on the U.S. market at artificially low prices.

Farmers want high tariffs or antidumping duties levied on the imports; the Department of Commerce, which has already ruled Vietnam has a non-market economy, will issue a preliminary ruling Jan. 24.

The labeling law that farmers fought so hard for, preventing Vietnamese seafood exporters from even using the "catfish" name on their products, didn't stem the price decline or the oversupply. While the U.S. Department of Agriculture says Vietnamese frozen catfish fillet imports fell 64 percent in October, farmers here say the real import rate hasn't slowed. Catfish imports are still glutting the market, just under other names, they say.

The national average price per pound in November was 56 cents, compared to 82 cents in 1997, the year that Vietnamese catfish exporting began in earnest. In the last five years, prices have taken a hit from oversupply and a strong U.S. dollar that depressed prices and favored imports.

In 2001, the year before the labeling law took effect, Vietnam had captured 20 percent of the U.S. market for frozen catfish fillets, exporting 24 million pounds into the United States.

Mississippi farmers, and catfish farmers in Arkansas, Louisiana and Alabama, were slow to cut their production when supply began

to exceed demand and prices began falling three years ago. In 2002, total sales in Mississippi of catfish to processors declined 7 percent, even as farmers sold 3 percent more live fish to processing plants.

Industrywide, U.S. plants processed 5 percent more catfish in November than the year before.

"We grew a lot of fish the last couple of years," said Mike McCall, editor of the Catfish Journal, an industry trade publication. "We're selling more than ever, even with prices low because they desperately need cash to pay down loans."

Until last year, catfish paid the bills for many farmers who had diversified their soybean, corn and cotton farms with ponds and hatcheries.

"The catfish tote the note," said Hugh Warren, executive vice president of Catfish Farmers of America, an industry trade group.

Mississippi's 440 catfish farms account for 72 percent of U.S. catfish ponds. Within the state, catfish is a \$2 billion-a-year industry that includes farmers, processors and feed mills.

Even when things look bleakest, many farmers remain optimists by nature.

Yazoo City farmer Chat Phillips, whose family farming operation includes 1,200 acres of catfish ponds, said he didn't slow down his feeding schedule or stop stocking his ponds last year even when his profit margin disappeared.

"'02 was one of the most trying years we've experienced," Phillips said. "But I think it was a cyclical blip brought on by the slowdown in the economy, an industry oversupply, plus import pressure. I think the supply will come down, the national economy will pick up and that the truth-in-labeling we were able to get passed will offer us some increased demand."



James R. Ginn Linda Lott Borzik Theresa

Ginn, other long-time bank employees honored

Three veteran Hancock Bank employees recently received memberships in the Mississippi Bankers Association (MBA) 40-Year Club for professional achievement and longevity in the field of banking.

MBA named Hancock executive vice president James R. Ginn, vice president Linda C. Lott, and operations clerk Theresa A. Borzik to the 40-Year Club roster in recognition of each banker's four decades of commitment to financial services excellence in Mississippi. Ginn, Lott, and Borzik joined Hancock Bank in 1961.

Ginn, a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University, has served as Hancock Bank's chief credit officer and led and participated in numerous business, civic, and philanthropic initiatives in his native Hancock County, including the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Bay St. Louis Jaycees, Hancock County Heart Association, and the Hancock County United Way drive.

Now a personal trust officer, Lott attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and graduated from Southern Trust School and American Bankers Association Trust

School. Lott is past president of the Orange Grove Exchange Club, a member of the South Mississippi Estate Planning Council, and chairman of Bayou View Baptist Church's personnel committee.

With a 37-year perfect attendance record, Long Beach resident Borzik was responsible for naming Hancock Bank's Classic Club checking group and developed the prototype for the bank's current product manual. She has served as the Long Beach Historical Society audio recorder since 1997.

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

Nissan Job Fair set for Carthage

Nissan will be recruiting employees for its Canton plant Saturday, February 1 at a Job Fair in Carthage, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

The Nissan Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Mississippi National Guard Armory, 523 Highway 16 East in Carthage.

Representatives from MESC and Nissan will be taking applications for production technicians and resumes for maintenance technicians and production supervisors.

The production worker job requires 18 months of work experience and Nissan prefers industrial or factory experience.

More information about Nissan jobs can be found at www.nissandriven.com or by visiting any WIN Job Center statewide.

Emergency -- doctors walk out

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"Under state law a 'local emergency' is defined as the duly-proclaimed existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the county," according to a hand-out Delahousey gave supers at the meeting, "caused by resource shortages or other man-made conditions, which ... are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities" of state and local officials.

Hancock physicians announced last week they would join with doctors all across the Gulf Coast to stage the walk-out in response to exorbitant medical malpractice premiums, closing their offices to patients and postponing or referring scheduled surgeries at Hancock Medical Center.

"Basically, what the physicians are trying to do is let the public be aware of what's going on," HMC Chief of Staff Dr. Roberta Chilimigras said last week. "Hancock Medical Center has lost nine physicians in the last year. ... We've lost half our surgical staff and we're going to lose more."

"We need to find some way to stabilize the premiums so we don't continue to bleed physicians out of the state."

HMC Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE, told

supervisors Friday that although a tort reform bill passed through the state legislature last year, the bill "didn't provide the kind of immediate relief that was hoped for, and (the problem) has come here to roost on the Coast."

Hospital board member Bryon Griffith said the board had offered to create a pool to help offset the premium costs for awhile until another solution to the problem could be found, but doctors turned down the offer, comparing it to a "band-aid."

Leftwich said he had seen one doctor's malpractice insurance premiums jump from \$40,000 annually one year, to \$60,000 the next, \$100,000 the next, and ending up at \$120,000 for the current year.

"That's well beyond the price increase in gas or food or anything else," Leftwich said.

To make matters worse, he said, when physicians change insurance providers, the new policy will not cover any potential suit from a medical procedure prior to the policy start-date, so doctors must also purchase a "tail" policy to cover any prior work.

"The tail coverage is now being quoted as much as three times (higher than) the regular premiums," he said. "That's a structural problem in the insurance industry."

Dr. Irene Koskan told

supervisors and hospital board members Friday that "This is a true crisis in medical care, and it's not just the cost. They're not giving us the chance to be covered." Insurance providers no longer want to take the risk in Mississippi's litigious climate, she said, and so even doctors who've never had any claims against them are having trouble getting coverage.

And, she said, the situation is only getting worse.

With tears in her eyes, she read aloud a letter she had just received from Medical Assurance Group (MAG), her medical malpractice insurer.

"Because of the rapidly deteriorating legal climate in which we must operate," MAG Underwriting Manager Joyce Perry told Koskan in the letter, "we have been forced to implement much more stringent underwriting criteria than in the past. Because of this, I must advise that after careful consideration, your request for coverage has been declined."

In other words, Koskan said, as of Feb. 10, she can no longer practice in Mississippi.

That's with not one single suit against her in 20 years of practice, she said.

"How many thousands of people do I take care of," she said, "who on Feb. 1 are going to be calling me for prescriptions which I can no longer write?"

"The tort law that was passed last fall was a magic act," HMC surgeon Dr. Brian Anthony said. "It was a total sham."

Anthony said that none of the physicians wanted to walk out - especially since the move could cause around 60 employees to be laid off at HMC alone - but felt they must before the situation becomes permanent.

Anthony said that if the situation continues, soon no doctor will be able to practice on the Coast; and before too long after that, in the state.

The walkout must go on, he said, until the legislature, the governor and Lt. governor will sit down with doctors "without any trial lawyers" to at least discuss the issue.

In the meantime, he said, there will be four doctors on rotation - with one on duty at any one time - to take care of emergency surgical procedures at the four area hospitals.

Leftwich said that HMC's emergency rooms would remain open and routine ob/gyn practices would continue, but any other regular procedure that required the presence of a surgeon would have to be performed elsewhere.

Delahousey said AMR representatives are prepared to take area emergency patients to other hospitals in Louisiana and Jackson County, but said that they could not auto-

matically transport people outside the area unless supervisors declared the emergency.

The supervisors are expected to meet at 7 a.m. tomorrow to determine

whether to declare the state of emergency. Board President Roderick "Rocky" Pullman said they most likely would: "I don't see how we can do anything else."

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Lake -- dredging proceeds

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but once construction starts, a sizable bond must be submitted by anyone filing suit to oppose the project.

Supervisors also gave their stamp of approval to a project to dredge the barge canal at the port in possible preparation for another steamship line, said Port and Harbor Director Hal Walters.

Walters also commended West Hancock Fire and Rescue for their quick action at the scene of the recent lab fire at Mississippi Polymer Technologies and other fire departments from Waveland and St. Tammany who were on the scene. The company will suffer a two to three month delay in operations due to the fire, Walters said. The company was recently awarded a large military contract.

In other business:
• Ninety three households received disaster assistance from the Federal

Emergency Management Agency last fall following storms Isadore and Lily, Planning and Zoning Official Willie Gavney reported to supervisors this week.

Forty-six of those applicants received assistance from FEMA and the rest received needed funds from low interest SBA loans. Repairs ranged from relatively minor to the complete rebuilding of homes or the replacement of mobile homes. The Planning and Zoning office spent 182 hours in the field inspecting property and another 232 office hours processing paperwork related to the applications, Gavney reported.

• Tracey Gremillion appeared on the behalf of several Heron Bay residents to ask supervisors to make needed improvements to roads on the west side of the subdivision. Gremillion said

that when it rains many of the roads are impassable because the sandy soil holds water causing trucks and many heavier cars to bog down in the road. Garbage trucks will not go down several area roads, she said, so residents must haul their trash to a central location. She asked that the roads be raised and reinforced with gravel.

Supervisors said the weather had been too bad for the road department to do the needed repairs, but that they would be done when weather permits.

• District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour asked for support in proposing a law that would protect live oak trees from clear cutting practices.

• Supervisors discussed temporarily relaxing a moratorium on rubbish sites in the county.

• Supervisors approved a request from the Sheriff's

Department for a license to use 76 acres in the buffer zone for a shooting range and training facility for the department.

Water -- clear

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tract water operator, Zoe L. Bretzius-Bowers, presented samples of the water on Friday and it was crystal clear.

The tests represented a 78 percent clearing of the water, said Escher. If the system is installed, Calgon will guarantee the same results or better for the district's water system, he said.

Bretzius-Bowers said another plus with the system is that it will eliminate the need for some of the treatment now done on the water. The amount of Chlorine needed to treat the system could be reduced by

50 percent or more by the use of the carbon system, she said.

Two carbon filters would have the capacity to treat 650 gallons per minute, a rate of delivery quick enough so that it would have no effect on water pressure in the system.

Several financing options are available to the district. If they buy the system outright it could cost about \$200,000 including the site preparation, plus a monthly maintenance contract. Other options include leasing the equipment, or lease purchasing the equipment.

Life expectation of the two filters is one year or more. The two filters will cost about \$30,000 to replace each time. The system would also service Phase 2 water customers when they come on line.

Phase 2 water is waiting for approval from the health department, some right of way agreements from MDOT and permits from DMR for lines going under canals. Once these are completed, the project will be ready to go out for bids, said Escher.

Missing -- found

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back tracking of here places of employment and residences. He then notified her daughter that she was safe and everything was O.K., Garber reported.

Johnson's investigation took him to a Bay St. Louis business where she worked and a waitress there had rented to her in Irazu St.; to an employment at a Highway 603 Used Car shop, to working as a cook at Casino Magic in Biloxi.

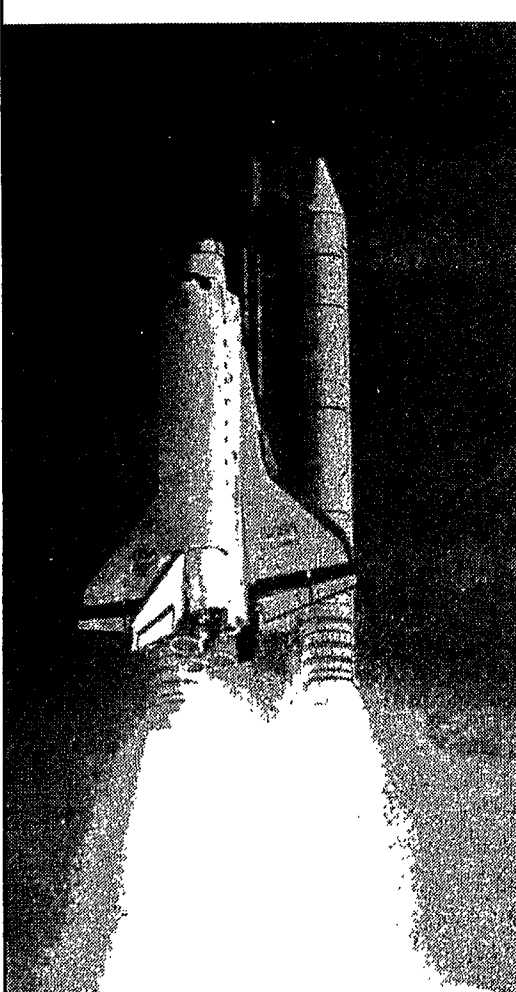
Johnson said, "Mrs. Herring's daughter, a resi-

dent of New Orleans was happy to hear her mother was alive and well. Her

name was also removed from the NCIC's missing persons report."

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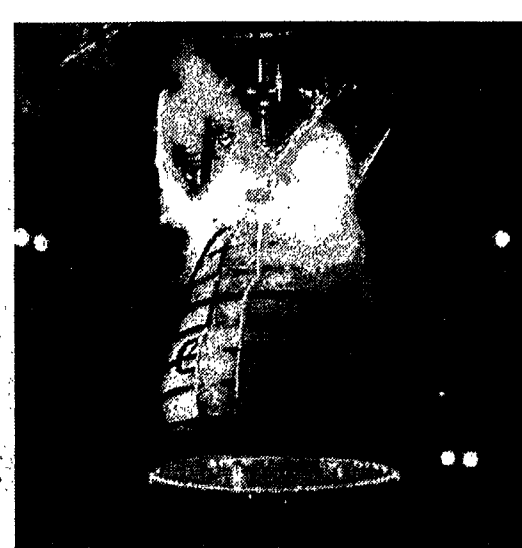
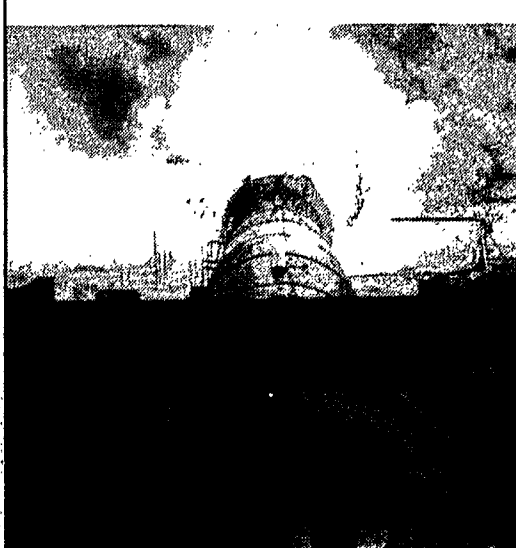


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SSC survives Stone County scare 44-41

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The third-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws won two consecutive games on back-to-back nights this past week. On Thursday, January 23, the Rocks defeated division rival D'Iberville 90-39. On Friday SSC survived a scare by Stone County and held on for a 44-41 win in the 9th annual Coast HoopsFest in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

In their game against D'Iberville, SSC rode the back of 6-5 junior forward Mario Faranda's 37 points and 16 rebounds. In the opening period Faranda and junior guard Darius Acker combined for all of SSC's points as they built a 21-9 lead over the Warriors.

The second period other SSC players got involved in the scoring. Rob Murray came off the bench to spark the Rocks in the period with 6 points in the period as SSC held a 42-26 lead at halftime.

Faranda exploded in the third period as he scored 15 of the Rocks 21 points. He highlighted the period with a crushing alley-oop slam from Rob Murray with 1:00 left. Faranda finished off the period with a flush at the buzzer helping the Rocks to a 63-41 lead.

SSC got a boost in the fourth period from other players on the offensive end. Senior 6-6 forward Ben Benvenutti added six points off the bench as the Rocks cruised to victory.

Junior Mario Faranda pointed out, "D'Iberville was running a Triangle & 2 defense on our two guards which left me open underneath. They did not come down on me and I got some good looks and scored the points."

Both of Faranda's totals were career highs. The defense was geared to stop the guards but it didn't work against Acker as he scored 24 points, 8 steals, 4 assists, and 5 rebounds. The

Alumni game set

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw basketball program is inviting all alumni to the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium on Friday, January 31 to view the game between Division 8 Class 4A rivals SSC and Pass Christian.

The "Alumni Night" will pay tribute to all those who have played basketball for SSC at halftime of the varsity game.

Special recognition will be given to the 1944-45 state semi-final team which was led by All-State 6-7 center Jim Smith.

For more information on the night's festivities, please call Ms. Amy Pentimonti at 228-467-9057, ext. 226 or head basketball coach Jay Ladner at 228-467-9057, ext. 224.

only double-digit scorer for the Warriors was Steven Bullard with 10 points.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We are proud of the win. They played a Triangle and 2 against our guards which is an insult to the other players. We had one of our best offensive outputs of the season. We were able to get many players involved tonight which is a plus."

In the game against Stone County, the Rocks were lethargic to start the game. It seemed as though the focus was not in the Coliseum. Assistant coach Chris Davis commented, "Anytime you allow a team as athletic as Stone County to get second shots and good position, it will cause you some serious problems."

SSC was up by as many as 11 points in the game but could not seem to close the door on the Tomcats. The Rocks battled to a 15-12 lead at the end of the first period after being down six points earlier in the frame.

SSC clung to a 23-19 half-time advantage. Stone County closed the gap in the third period going on a 5-0 run late following a key Gabe Willis three-pointer which made the score 33-22.

The Tomcats pulled to within one point 40-39 with 1:32 left to play following a Yuri Ramsey free throw. However, Acker was 4-4 from the charity stripe in the final :16 to key the win for SSC (24-2, 9-0).

Acker led the way with 16 points followed by Mario Faranda with 11 points.

The Rocks play again on Friday, January 31, against the Pass Christian Pirates. The basketball program will be sponsoring Alumni Night for all those who played basketball for SSC. Special recognition will be given to the state semi-final team of 1944-45 which featured All-State center Jim Smith. All alumni is invited to attend the festivities which will begin at 5pm on Friday with a chalk-talk and light hors d'oeuvres.



Seniors

Bay High School recognized the senior members of the Tiger's soccer team with a ceremony prior to the start of the final regular season home game Wednesday night. The five seniors on the boys team are Jake Pearce, top left, Brandon Slade, Brandon Strong, Michael Bougeols and Jace Ponder. Samantha Billingsley, left, is the lone senior on the girls team.

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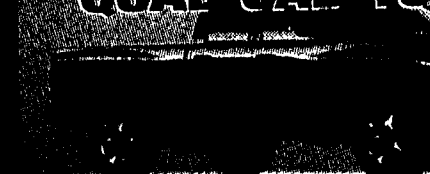
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Attract birds to your own backyard

It doesn't take long before a homeowner discovers putting out the right kinds of feeders and foods can attract a diversity of wild birds to their homes, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

"If a homeowner doesn't have a bird feeder or two, now is a good time to get them," Mississippi Outdoors magazine editor David Watts said.

"Many hardware stores, seed and feed outlets and variety stores are having winter sales, and you can get feeders and other bird-watching items often at reduced cost."

Watts said there are basically three kinds of bird feeders. A variety of birds can be attracted to each.

Hanging feeders filled with the black oil-type sunflower seeds often are popular for attracting smaller birds such as the titmouse, chickadee, and house finch.

Thistle seed placed in a hanging feeder is popular with the colorful yellow, black, and white goldfinches, a winter resident bird in Mississippi.

Suet feeders usually are either a small wire cage or plastic mesh bag filled with beef suet or peanut butter mixed with various fruits and nuts. The feeder is placed on a tree trunk or suspended from a feeder pole.

During winter, suet provides a high-energy food value to birds. Suet can attract birds such as red-headed woodpeckers, red-bellied woodpeckers, pine warblers, Carolina wrens, brown-headed nuthatches and others, Watts said.

Open, platform feeders containing sunflower seed can attract larger birds such as cardinals, blue jays and a variety of blackbirds.

"You can expect some birds such as rufous-sided towhees, white-throated sparrows, mourning doves, and dark-eyed juncos to feed primarily on the ground below a feeder and clean up the seed distributed by birds eating from the feeder overhead," Watts said.

Watts explained that water should be an essential component of any winter backyard feeding program. "Even in the coldest weather, a variety of birds can be attracted to a source of open water available for drinking and bathing," he said.

Watts offered these additional tips for attracting a greater diversity of birds to your yard:

- Place feeders and water near a source of cover so birds will have a place to escape when frightened by a predator such as a cat or hawk.

- Use a diversity of seeds and suet.

- Clean out feeders and replenish with fresh seed if rain or damp weather causes seed to spoil faster than birds can use it.

- Beef suet available from most supermarkets should be used to supplement a winter feeding program. However, during warmer months, replace this with commercially-made suet that won't spoil due to higher day-time temperatures and humidity.



Ryan Chotto performs at an event in Diamondhead

POP STAR

Young Diamondhead man chases his dream

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

One man from Diamondhead never really thought about becoming a pop star, but, he's decided to give it a shot anyway.

Shortly after graduating from Hancock High last year, Ryan Chotto settled in New York on Sept. 9 to pursue his dreams of being a performer.

It didn't take the 18-year-old long

(musicals). I just never thought about being a pop star."

Chotto still plans to get involved with Broadway. He just has to wait until roles are available for teenage males.

"Broadway doesn't have too much geared towards young adults right now," he said. "Hopefully, the new season will bring some new productions that have roles for teenagers."

Chotto said he has always enjoyed singing, dancing and acting all at once, better known as musical theater.

"I'm still hoping and planning on doing musical productions on Broadway as soon as I'm blessed with the opportunity," he said. "However, I am open to do anything, including television and film."

While he waits for Broadway to offer a role, Chotto has plenty on his plate to keep him busy.

Until Dream Street re-enters the pop music industry, Chotto has his hands full with the tour and classes.

Rehearsals for Chris Trousdale's tour lasts from noon to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Wednesdays, Chotto takes a group acting class. If he can squeeze it into his schedule, he attends

community theater to dance lessons.

Chotto has trained at Donna's Visual and Performing Arts Center in Ocean Springs and Jacobie's, a ballet school branched out of New Orleans.

"We spent a lot of years and money to get him where he is now," said Chotto's mother, Trina Keel. "I think all those years of running, rehearsals and plays will pay off."

An indication of Chotto's future success was most recently displayed within the pages of Pop Star Magazine, which hinted that he would be in the new Dream Street.

Chotto will owe his success not only to his talent, but to his family. Keel said his family has been very supportive of his career, especially his grandparents Joe and Marilyn Cuccia of Diamondhead.

Keel said when she was unable to get her son to a performance or class his grandparents were always willing to help.

By being there every step of the way, it was not wonder Keel had a difficult time letting her son move to New York by himself.

"Now I'm OK," she said. "But when he left, I cried for five or six days. I just want to see him fulfill his dreams."

Keel, however, knew her son's career depended on the move.

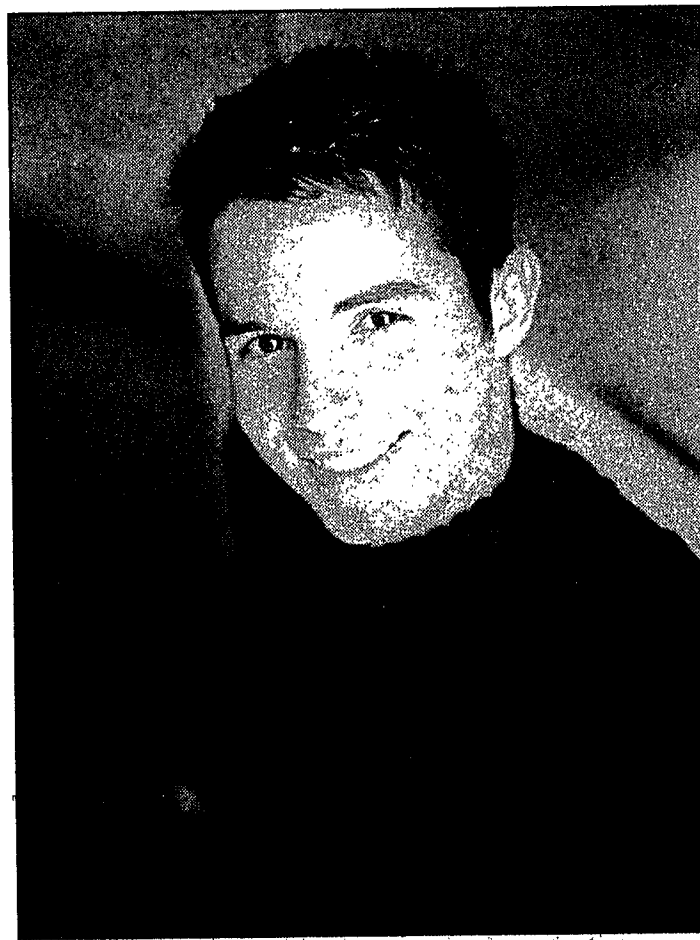
"This has been a dream of Ryan's since he was a child," she said. "He's where he needs to be for his career. He has to be there to do it."

Chotto, too, knew New York was the place to go.

"New York is awesome," he said. "It's a change for the better. It's very fast-paced, but I like that."

Luckily for Chotto, he spent five weeks last summer in the Big Apple with his agent, acting coach and singing coach.

"I was pretty much prepared for the New York City lifestyle, he said. "As for being on my own, I have to provide food for myself, do my own laundry and make those phone calls to whoever it may be that I always made my mother call."



At 18, Diamondhead native Ryan Chotto is already making a name for himself in the pop music industry.

to jump-start his career.

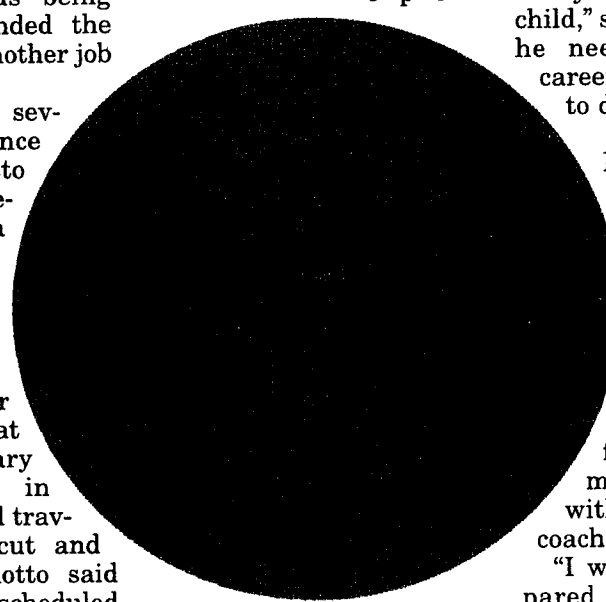
His agent, Nancy Carson, sent him to an audition for the pop group Dream Street, which was being recast. Chotto landed the gig and grabbed another job in the process.

Because he had several years of dance experience, Chotto was offered immediate work as a dancer in a solo tour for Chris Trousdale, one of the former Dream Street members.

The pre-tour opened Dec. 27 at the Legendary Beacon Theatre in New York City and traveled to Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Chotto said the 40-city tour is scheduled to possibly begin in February.

"I never pictured myself working in the pop industry; however, it's wonderful, and I love it," he said. "Growing up, I envisioned myself just to be in theatrics

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A white egret in the shallows

There is grandeur in a beautiful day on the Coast. The blue of the sky presents a brilliant contrast to the brown reach of the waters of the Sound and the bordering bright yellow sand.

It is a scene, however, that needs contrast, a scene that if left untouched remains merely a pretty view, a static postcard that one sends to someone in Michigan or Iowa to lean against a sugar bowl on the table to later show someone else and then discard.

It is a scene that needs a touch of life to bring out the dynamics that lies just

below the seemingly static view. A spritz. A pizzazz.

When it is the time between the very high and the very low tide, when it is the time when there is water between the bars of sand that parallel the beach, there comes a mad white feathered dancer that cavorts crazily in the water. He can be the touch we need. Let's watch.

The dancer stands still now, momentarily displaying a being of startling grace and almost fragile beauty. His feathers are clean and crisply white, each placed neatly so as to contour a body delicately balanced on two thin legs

that in turn disappear two thirds down into the tea brown water.

I say he because it is difficult to tell male from female in these dancers except during courtship, and this is not that time. So for now let us have he be a 'he.'

Now comes the dance. Up, almost flight, waving wings, a splash of legs as he races forward, a short distance of three perhaps five feet, and then stops, and starts again, more madly again in a slightly different direction. Again a pause, a long stillness before the dance is renewed once more.

Now a complete stop

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
laviolette@mail.datasync.com

We see a long pause and then an act of unusual, wonderful grace. He lifts up his wings to their full outstretched length and, placing his head beneath them, present an almost perfect curtsy.

His timing is beautiful and we stand in our hearts and applaud. But his dance is not over and in moments he races through the water once again swerving in tipsy swings along his erratic route. An encore that is an

encore to a hundred other encores.

The presence of this small bird is no isolated event in the serene scene we were looking at moments earlier. He is fishing of course, scaring up by his erratic movements some tidbit of life for his meal.

The mad dance is no comic display, but a serious movement that must be done if he wishes to survive.

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What's for Lunch? Jan. 27-31

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Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice

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Friday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

LUNCH

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Tuesday: Fried Fish, Nacho Grande, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple, Fruit Juice, Hushpuppies, Crackers, Cake with Frosting

Wednesday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Oven Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Tropical Apple, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Crackers, Jelly-O

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All menus subject to change.

Local groups pledge to start more Scout units

THE SEA COAST ECHO
 Local religious and community organizations from the Pine Burr area have pledged to start 50 new Scouting units by the end of June 2003.

The pledges were made during a nationally broadcast videoconference coordinated by the Boy Scouts of America in support of Character Connections - Reaching Youth with Scouting, a nationwide membership campaign launched January 1, 2003.

The videoconference was hosted locally by the Pine Burr Area Council and was attended by representatives from 75 religious and community organizations, including Parkway Heights United Methodist Church and Grace Temple Church.

According to Rob Hofmann, Scout executive/CEO, the new Scouting units will enable the Boy Scouts of America to serve more than 16,500 youth in the 17-county area in 2003.

More important, says Rob Hofmann, the commitments show the true concern religious and community groups have for the quality of life in the Pine Burr Area Council.

"The pledges made by these organizations represent real dedication to youth and families," says Hofmann.

Character Connections is an effort to increase the number of Scouting units by engaging community organizations that share an interest with the BSA in serving youth and families.

The campaign focuses on expanding the positive impact the organizations have had on their communities and neighborhoods for

years through cooperative efforts with Scouting.

The videoconference was co-hosted by the BSA's national president, Roy S. Roberts; national commissioner, Rick Cronk; and chief Scout executive, Roy L. Williams; and included commentaries and testimonials, as well as a message from President George W. Bush.

Organizations interested in Scouting should contact the Pine Burr Area Council, (601) 582-2326 or 1-866-424-3188, Tony Haines, director of field service.

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Troop 651 visits Dunbar Village



Girl Scouts Troop 651 of Bay St. Louis shares holiday cheer with seniors at Dunbar Village.

College tuition assistance available

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000!

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined.

A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholarships Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholar-

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scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

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Weddings and Engagements

Saunders-Prince



Brandy Saunders and James Prince

Margarett A. Saunders of Bay St. Louis announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Brandy Elizabeth Saunders, to James Davis Prince, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Prince of Ocean Springs.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Billy M. Saunders.

She is a Bay High School graduate and a 2002 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where she earned a BS BA in marketing with a minor in fashion merchandising. Her honors include Alpha Beta Gamma and being a College of Business Foundation scholar.

She is a regional office manager for Gulf Coast Property Acquisition, Inc. in Hattiesburg.

The prospective groom is an Ocean Springs High School graduate and a 2002

graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor of science degree in architectural engineering and was a CSEMS scholar (computer science, engineering, mathematics and statistics).

He is a field manager with Centex Home Builders, Inc. in Destin, Fla.

The marriage will take place July 12, 2003 at 5 p.m. in Cedar Lake Christian Assembly in Biloxi.

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Scardinios celebrate 45 years

Couple 'showered' with gifts

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Scardino, Jr. of Pass Christian recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They were married on January 25, 1958.

She is the former Loislyn Susan Blanchard of Gretna. Mr. and Mrs. Scardino, Jr. have 10 children. Angelyn and David Treutel, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, Debbie and Steve Treutel of Waveland, Mike and Anne Scardino of Pass Christian, Dennis and Joyce Scardino, of Houston, Texas, Kevin and Sherrie Scardino, of Memphis, Tenn., Matt and Connally Scardino of Pass Christian, Jan and Marty Latino of Covington, Lynda and Danny Williams and Paul and Jana Scardino, all of Biloxi, and Mary and Dylan Nash of Houston Texas.

The couple have 13 grandchildren. A. J. and Loislyn were showered with prayers and gifts in celebration of their beautiful achievement.



A.J. and Loislyn Scardino at their 1958 wedding.

Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage showcases Southern hospitality, heritage and homes

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The 56th annual Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage, an eight-day extravaganza showcasing the finest gardens, private homes and historical buildings of Mississippi's Gulf Coast, begins March 8.

Each year close to 20,000 visitors attend this pilgrimage uniquely characterized by its ever-changing venues and complimentary admission.

"Naturally Southern: Memories and Possibilities" is the theme of this year's pilgrimage. As explained by Coastwide Pilgrimage Chair, Linda Domino, the idea incorporates the best aspects of Coastal traditions with exciting future developments.

Opening day, held this year in Long Beach, will feature home tours and a floral expo with horticulture, design and special exhibit categories as well as seminars on gardening, decorating and hand painted furniture. More than 50 stops will be included on the pilgrimage tour with such highlights as Grass Lawn, the circa 1836 beachfront house in Gulfport and St. Peter's By the Sea Episcopal Church, celebrating its 101st anniversary this year. Historic Biloxi Day will feature tours of Beauvoir, the last home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis;

the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, which traces the Coastal heritage of Mississippi; and Tullis-Toledano Manor, the circa 1856 beachfront home, which is a striking example of Greek Revival architecture. The closing day of pilgrimage, March 15, will feature home tours in Ocean Springs as well as the traditional "Twilight Time" jazz finale concert, held on the lawn of the Biloxi Old Brick House. The annual Irish Heritage Festival in Biloxi sponsored by the Hibernia

Marching Society also coincides with the closing day of Spring Pilgrimage.

Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach, Pass Christian, Diamondhead, and Bay St. Louis are all included in the tour sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs.

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PRCC students to perform at Super Bowl today

POPLARVILLE - Pearl River Community College students Candace Mooney and Mandi Spiers of Carriere are going to Super Bowl XXXVII today, Sunday in San Diego, Calif., and they couldn't be more elated.

Mooney and Spiers work for American All-Star, the cheerleading/dance company that manages the Saints and numerous cheerleading camps, and has provided pre-game performances at the Super Bowl for 17 years.

Best friends "since they were born," both girls also belong to the String of Pearls dance team and the cheerleading squad at

PRCC, as well as taking dance at Leisha's Dance Studio. Both graduates of Pearl River Central High School, they also plan on sharing an apartment at the University of Southern Mississippi next year.

"It is good to have students of that quality in your program," said Archie Rawls, Director of the Fine

Arts program at PRCC. "Both of them are excellent dancers. Each year they participate in the competition for the spring (String of Pearls) squad."

Mooney was a member of the Spring of Pearls team that won the college division in the 2002 United States Dance/Drill Team Championships in Orlando,

Fla.

This week Mooney and Spiers will teach camps in San Diego, Los Angeles and Tijuana, Mexico. "It's still work, but it's fun work," said Spiers.

They will also enjoy activities like trips to Sea World, the San Diego Zoo and Walt Disney World.

Particularly fun will be

the pre-game show itself, when the dancers will accompany the popular country trio, the Dixie Chicks.

Performing at football games isn't new for the girls, who've danced at Saints games and the New Orleans Bowl.

"At the Saints game, I was really excited because

I'm a Saints fan," said Spiers. "I walked out and was just awe-struck. I know at the Super Bowl it will be even more so."

Mooney is the daughter of Eddie and Tina Mooney of Carriere. Spiers is the daughter of Mark and Shari Franklin of Carriere, and Lance and Paula Spiers of Picayune.

USM fall Dean's List released

The University of Southern Mississippi Dean's List has been released for the 2002 fall semester.

Dean's List scholars are those with at least a 3.25 grade-point average but less than a 4.0.

Students recognized from the local area include:

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Lesli Gayle Morel
Jesse Orrin Battle
Jami Pauline Chiniche
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Workshop offers 'Novel Ideas': How to start writing, get published

In Oxford, the land of William Faulkner, Larry Brown, Barry Hannah, Willie Morris and John Grisham, it's easy to get intimidated about writing.

A day-long workshop, Novel Ideas, is offered Feb. 15 by the University of Mississippi's Office of Professional Development and Non-Credit Education to help change that concern. It is open to anyone who wants to write and publish a novel, whether manuscripts are in hand or Chapter One hasn't been started.

Margaret-Love Denman, director of the Creative Writing program at the University of New Hampshire, and Chicago writer Barbara Shoup, the author of several successful young adult novels, share the teaching responsibilities for the workshop, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Denman and Shoup also have published a book together of the same name, "Novel Ideas: Contemporary Authors Share the Creative Process."

Lamb, Sena Jeter Naslund and Alice McDermott. Registration deadline is Feb. 7. Cost is \$175 for a day of classes including "Thinking Like a Novelist," "Creating

lunch and refreshments. For another \$25 per manuscript (maximum of two manuscripts per participant), Denman and Shoup will critique student work.

Manuscripts should be submitted no later than Feb. 3 to Novel Ideas Workshop, Office of Professional Development and Non-Credit Education, P. O. Box 879, University, MS 38677.

Shirley Prather, senior project administrator, said this workshop is the only one of its kind offered through the Yerby Conference Center. "With all the aspiring writers in the area, the conference is expected to be quite popular," she said.

To register, for more information or for assistance related to a disability, call 662-915-7036 or visit the website www.outreach.olemiss.edu.

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The book is a collection of interviews with 23 well-known authors, such as Lee Smith, Michael Chabon, Tony Hillerman, Wally

Characters" and "Publishing: The Work in the World." Tuition includes the lectures, workshop, manual,

'Celebrate Seuss' at Discovery Center

Auditions to be held Feb. 16, 17

Books come alive in "Celebrate Seuss" presented by WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

Singers, actors, dancers and musicians age 6 and up will portray characters from *The Lorax*, *One Fish, Two Fish, The Butter Battle Book*, *My Many Colored Days* and *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Those interested in a role will be asked to read from the script and sing a

song (if interested in a singing role). Musicians need to bring a prepared piece and dancers will be asked to do some movement. A piano and boom box will be available.

Auditions are Sunday, Feb. 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 17, 5 - 7 p.m. Production dates are April 8, 10, 12, 13 at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

For more information please call Tonya Hays at 897-6039 ext. 22.

Save Our Children offering series of programs on safety

On Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Save Our Children Center, 405 Necaise Avenue in Bay St. Louis, the first of a series of safety programs will be offered.

Sgt. R. Hannah of the Bay St. Louis Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be presenting monthly classes on safety.

All children enrolled in Save Our Children and their parents are urged to attend this important series.

The schedule for the rest of the series is as follows:

Feb. 20: Hazards of Smoking
March 20: Drinking
April 16: Drugs
May 15: Fingerprinting
The Hancock County Task

Force to Save Our Children is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to promote community improvement through identifying obtaining and operating programs designed to serve youth in age groups 5 through 19.

During the school year, children come to the center to complete their homework assignments with help from staff and volunteer tutors, who also guide the youngsters in improving computer skills.

When their work is done, the children enjoy supervised recreation as well as special workshops on such topics as self-esteem, safety, drug awareness and hygiene.

For information call the center at 466-0401.

Views

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His stately curtsy a mere shielding of the sun's glare the better to see his prey.


And this bright day we see about him and ourselves is but a movement also in a long chain of interconnecting events whose yesterdays produced this bird as well as his meal and today is moving in an endless stream of time to produce other birds and, what is nice for us, other days.

We can look at the scene now and see it in its true grandeur. For this is no stage. These are not props artistically placed by some deity to concoct a scene pleasing to the eye.


Each element of the scene we see is needed, each is interconnected one to another and all of these dance forward in their way in a vast quadrille that began an eternity ago.


You and I are part of that dance and we move forward as well. But, that does not mean that we can not enjoy this day. Look again at the bird. I think that despite his need for the end product of his dance, he is enjoying himself as well.

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Network all health news

A week ago, we raised a complaint about the media's cavalier, sloppy broadcasts of heart health news regarding the benefits of drinking red wine, as witnessed in the case of the French who are foremost in the world for showcasing those benefits through their consumption of the tasty product.

Whereas we would expect such hearty drinking to have the bad effects of alcohol on their bodies, we were pleasantly shocked to learn from medical scientists that the red wine proved to be of great benefit to the hearts of the drinkers. In particular, the incidence of heart attacks is considerably reduced.

So the colorful term French paradox was born. However, the news cheated us beyond our complaints. No sooner was the previous column done, than I heard, not on the news, but on a commercial that, because of its antioxidants, red grape juice is just as, if not more, powerful in its heart health benefits.

Red grape juice, of course, gets around the huge impediment of problem drinkers who have no business going after red wine, not even for its vaunted benefits to the heart.

It also gets back to basics which always urge us to employ the means and the path least invasive of our physical integrity. And red wine is more basic and less invasive than its fermented child, red wine.

One thing is for sure. People can consume a lot more red grape juice than red wine without run-

REFLECTIONS
ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

ning the risk of negative effects. All things being equal, if the parent, red wine, is no more potent than the child, red grape juice, we would have to opt for the hearty drinking of less invasive red grape juice.

Unfortunately, we seldom find a media networking of such things as health benefits, health foods and drinks, health habits and lifetime health regimens. The result is that most people, who seldom encounter serious health reading or hearing other than the media, are slaves to the hit-and-miss, disjointed, ill-reported health facts and case histories in the profit-motivated media.

Health reporting, as all other reporting, is not primarily about us, but about what makes good copy, what assures the media of turning the most profit. If it is not sensational or spectacular, news is seldom highlighted, even though it may be something very basic and essential to our health.

It would be a very big mistake for us not to learn a bitter lesson from the lax, disinterested, profit-driven attitude of most of the media. The lesson is, we cannot afford to do likewise.

A head, a nose for profit must

be the least of our considerations. Our heart must be in whatever we seek, learn and do about health. It is our heart that counts; in this case, far more than a pun.

Since the focus is now on red grape juice, we may as well go a step further. Beware of products which have been canned or bottled.

If they contain a preservative, as almost all do, the destructive effects of the preservatives will far outweigh the benefits of the drink or food.

Every year, the average American consumes 40 to 50 pounds of preservatives, inorganic chemicals which cannot be processed by our body.

Those chemicals must be either eliminated by our body or, sadly, combined with cholesterol to form vein- and artery-clogging plaque. This alarming fact places virtually all canned/bottled goods on the health contraband list.

Not one of us wants to draw the obvious conclusion from this, because we are hooked on the considerable convenience which canned goods afford us.

The obvious conclusion, of course, is that we should skip all canned goods, moving on to fresh produce. Our options, then, are to

eat the vegetables or fruit, such as red grapes, or juice them fresh each time we consume them.

Very inconvenient, you say? Evidently so, because most of the folks who start juicing and stop, or who never get into it, give practically the same reason for not juicing: inconvenience. Yes, it is so easy to drink from a can or bottle, since our precious time and effort are not compromised.

However, there is another interloper here: inconvenient juice machines which are underpowered or inferior in their design.

Underpowered juicers are slow and actually stop when they get hot. Juicers with inferior designs store the vegetable or fruit pulp within the machine, must be emptied often, and are clumsy to clean after the juicing is done.

As in all things, use a juicer which is simple and powerful in its design; in other words, user-friendly. At the same time, direct eating, not drinking, of some produce, such as red grapes, may be the most practical and satisfying way to go. It depends on our personal tastes and inclinations for each food.

Contrary to the on-and-off offerings of the media, our health networking must always be from the heart, reaching out as far as possible to gather all the God-given data, correlations and case histories among world peoples.

In a word, good health is the child of constant awareness, desire and will.

Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

Believing that Christ died - that's history, believing that Christ died for mankind - that's theology; believing that Christ died for you - that's salvation!

And it's salvation that everyone needs. Studying Christianity won't make you a Christian; understanding theology won't necessarily change your life; but believing will, if you place your faith in Christ as your personal Savior.

Faith means accepting salvation from Christ as a gift. You can't work for a gift, it can't be earned. You simply accept it. Faith means coming to Christ as a sinner and receiving His forgiveness. It means coming to Christ as a pauper and trusting Him as your benefactor.

If you were drowning, you would not ignore a life vest thrown to you, you would trust it. That is how

you must trust the Savior. Don't look inside yourself for redeeming qualities. You have nothing to merit God's approval except a sense of need and a cry for mercy.

Don't think you can get into Heaven by good deeds, neither will baptism or confirmation save you. Joining a church will not give you new birth.

But if you ask the Lord Jesus Christ to save you, He will do it; for the Bible says:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

(John 3:16)

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31)

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ries about their sins and their failures.

But there are also stories about their victories and how God encouraged and helped them. Most of all, the Bible tells us about God and His Son Jesus Christ.

It tells us why Christ died on the cross and rose again from the dead. Yes, the Bible was "written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life through His name." (John 20:31).

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit www.w-e-m.org.

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Father John Kelly, pastor, 228-467-4746

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St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome.

Jan. 27: No CCD classes

Jan. 27: RCI class at 7 p.m.

Feb. 2: Resume CCD classes

Feb. 2: RCI class at 7 p.m.

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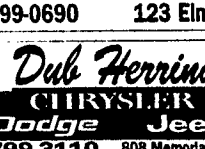
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91 Live Stock

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96 Wanted To Buy

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WE BUY OLD WATCHES. WRIST & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces. \$Cash\$ Bayou Jewelers. 466-0425.

126 Campers/Motor Homes

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146 Rooms For Rent

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1 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC. Carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included. 100% Blaize Ave. BSL. \$350/month, \$300/deposit. Pet/free. Lease required. 463-0043. 467-3935.

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2 BEDROOM DUPLEX, 2 FULL Baths. Utility room with hook-ups. 1 year lease. \$550.00 includes water. 322 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland. 467-3601.

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BEAUTIFUL, SAFE, LARGE 2 BR apartment in secluded neighborhood. Wrap around porch, large kitchen, large/living room, large/dinning room. 502 Sunset. B.S.L. \$585/month plus deposit. 467-2562.

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LIVE FREE IN WAVELAND under new management Oak Park Apartments offers 2 months free rent to qualified applicants. 467-6862

NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL 99% MOVE in. 1-2-3 Bedrooms. Pelican Pointe Apts 467-3388

SMALL STUDIO APT. NEAR MAGIC \$435/mo includes utilities. 228-669-8324.

SPACIOUS 2BR APARTMENT w/loft, w/d, new carpet/paint. \$590/mo+\$590dep. Also 1br. cotage. \$390/mo+\$390dep. Both walking distance to beaches/downtown BSL. Available Feb. 1st. 228-469-0821.

VERY NICE 1 BEDROOM, central a/h, off street parking, water paid. \$360/mo. \$300/dep. 515 State St., off Dunbar, BSL. 452-4700.

WATERFRONT: 1500 SQ.FT. APT. Dinning-room, 2 bedroom, new kitchen appliance, new carpet/flooring, large decks, pet free, drug free. \$650/month+deposit. 467-6849.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

FOR RENT: 1 BEDROOM TRAILER, cable, utilities furnished. \$100/week, \$100/deposit. 463-1872.

2 BEDROOMS HEAT/AIR, ALL electric. Standard Dedeaux Road. 255-7480

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN Area. 255-5529.

TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH \$415 per month. 228-760-2205.

2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME PARTIALLY furnished, \$400/month. 214-9953.

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM TRAILER, cable, utilities furnished. \$150/week, \$300/deposit. 463-1872.

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE AND ONE bedroom trailer. Pet free. 493-5799 or 255-7431

TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH \$360 per month. 228-760-2205.

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT in Kiln, Pet/free. 255-9397.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

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USED TRAILER, 12'x65', 2BR/1BA, all appliances, must be moved. \$550/obo. Ask for Terry 228-323-5379.

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1BR HOUSE. CENTRAL A/H. BAY Side Park. Call 1-985-290-8792. \$400/month. Deposit required.

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PRIVATE HOME, GREAT Location. 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, large rear yard. \$550/month. References. 466-4848.

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VERY SPECIAL 2BR/2BA HOME, high ceilings, beaded board & porches & decks! Just outside the city limits on 5 acres. Cntl heat/air. 467-0600

151 Furn. Houses Rent

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
THOMAS L. FAIRFIELD, JR. COMPLAINANT
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 2001-079
PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

TO: (1) Neil H. Nielson, if alive, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law of Neil H. Nielson, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry.
(2) Any and all other persons whose current addresses, both post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the property described as:
(3) Lot 10, Block 4, Unit 8, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2, a subdivision according to the map or plat on file of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Plat Book 4 at page 51.
You and each of you have been made a defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Thomas L. Fairfield, Jr., Complainant, whose address is c/o W. Roderick Johnson, Sr., 228 Byrd Avenue, P. O. Box 368, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350. The Complainant filed against each of you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the described property.
You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complainant to W. Roderick Johnson, Sr., Attorney at Law, 228 Byrd Avenue, P. O. Box 368, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350.
YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2003, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. YOU MUST ALSO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTERWARD. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court this 9 day of Jan., 2003. (Seal)

TIMOTHY KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: LARRINEL SCARBOROUGH
DEPUTY CLERK
01/19, 01/26, 02/02, 02/09/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
EMILY EDKINS MICHEL, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
LARRY RICHARD GIBSON, JR. DEFENDANT
Civil Action, File No. 2002-604
SUMMONS
RULE 61 (BY PUBLICATION)

TO: LARRY RICHARD GIBSON, JR. You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by EMILY EDKINS MICHEL, Plaintiff, seeking Compensatory Damages, Punitive Damages, and Costs of Suit. You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 5th day of March, 2003, in the courtroom of the said Hancock County Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 23rd day of January, 2003. (Seal)

Tim A. Keller, Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By Deputy Clerk
01/26, 02/02, 02/09/03

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
ADMINISTRATOR CTA'S NOTICE
TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE OF
THOMAS M. HORNER
NO. 2002-916

Letters of Administration CTA having been granted on the 2nd day of January, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Jerry Dixon upon the estate of THOMAS M. HORNER, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from date of first publication, or they will be forever barred.
This 7th day of January, 2003.
JERRY DIXON
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
01/12, 01/19, 01/26/03

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EVERLYN CLAIRE HEBERT CAVAROC, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2002-968
CO-EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 15 day of January, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of EVERLYN CLAIRE HEBERT CAVAROC, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
THIS 15 day of January, A. D. 2003.
VICTOR VIOSCA CAVAROC, JR.
JOHN PETER CAVAROC
01/19, 01/26, 02/02/03

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MICHAEL A. WELCH, PLAINTIFF
ROSEMARY ELIZABETH WELCH, DEFENDANT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2003-30
SUMMONS

TO: ROSEMARY ELIZABETH WELCH You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Michael A. Welch, seeking a divorce against you and a determination of non-paternity.
You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Walter W. Teel, Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose post office address is P.O. Box 404, Gulfport, MS 39502, and whose street address is 2510 16th Street, Gulfport, MS 39531.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 19 DAY OF JANUARY, 2003, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Confirm Title to the attorney for the Plaintiff, Lewie G. Negretto IV, Esq., whose address is 114 W. Third Street, Long Beach, MS 39568. THIS RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2003, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS.

IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after said date. The address of the Clerk of this Court is P.O. Box 550, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (Seal).
DATED 12-31-02
Tim A. Keller, Chancery Clerk
HANCOCK County, Mississippi
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Donny Osmond, star of music, television and stage, comes to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday, February 7 & 8 at 9 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and are available at Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or at any Ticketmaster location.

For more than 38 years, the world has watched Osmond develop from a cherubic little boy singing on TV with his older brothers to a seasoned performer who always has the power to amaze.

His first appearance was on TV's The Andy Williams Show on December 10, 1963, one day after his sixth birthday. Pop music has gone through seismic changes in the intervening years, and Donny has moved with the times.

By the time he was a teenager he had become one of the most popular and successful stars in the history of pop music. In the 1970s, between his own and the Osmond Brothers recordings, he was awarded 18 gold records. With his broth-



Donny Osmond

ers, he enjoyed a No. 1 hit such blockbusters as "Yo-Yo" with "One Bad Apple" and "Down By the Lazy

River." On his own, Osmond hit No. 1 with "Go Away Little Girl," and made the top 10 with "Hey Girl" and memorable covers of Paul Anka's "Puppy Love," Roy Orbison's "Sweet and Innocent" and Johnny Mathis' "The Twelfth of Never."

In the 1980s, he spent several years honing his talents as performer and producer, working with the likes of Jeff Beck, Boy George and Chicago. In 1987, Peter Gabriel invited him to record at his studio in Bath, England. The resulting demos recharged Osmond's recording career, catching fire with the release in 1989 of "Soldier of Love."

Generating new heat in his singing career, he took another important creative step and began taking acting classes. Without realizing it, he was preparing for one of the greatest successes of his entire career, a Canadian and U.S. tour in the title role of

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir Tim Rice's musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Although he would have

to put everything else on hold, the calculated risk turned into a rewarding, triumphant six-year association. To date, the Joseph original cast recording is quadruple platinum in Canada and recently went gold in the U.S. Last year, the film version of the musical, starring Donny, premiered to stellar ratings on PBS's Great Performances series.

With his sister Marie, Donny had a third wave of hit records and enjoyed yet another kind of success co-hosting a weekly variety TV series. Donny returned to TV in 1998 with Marie, co-hosting the daytime talk show *Donny and Marie* that enjoyed solid ratings for two seasons. He also released several new albums, including his most recent "Somewhere In Time," that went platinum in just eight days. Now 45 years old, Donny has been married to his wife Debbie for 25 years, and is also the father of five

boys, ranging from 24-year-old Don Jr. to 5-year-old Joshua. Don't miss Donny Osmond at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis February 7 & 8 at 9 p.m. Must be 21.

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The Velvet Voice of Lou Rawls to highlight Valentine's Day at Magic

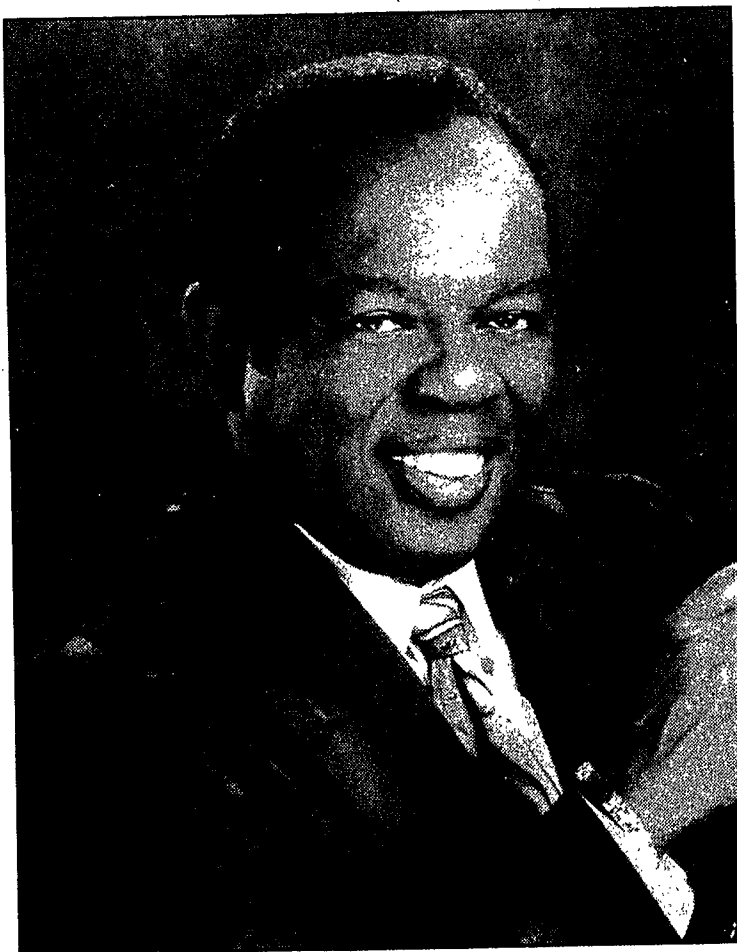
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The velvet sounds of Lou Rawls will take the stage Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14 at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. Tickets are \$19.95, \$24.95 and \$29.95 and are available at Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, or at any Ticketmaster location.

His voice is as distinctive and instantly recognizable as any in music.

From his early days in gospel and collaborations with Sam Cooke; to opening for The Beatles in 1962 in Cincinnati; from his monologues in the Seventies that pre-dated rap music to becoming a "crossover" artist before the term was invented, there has been one constant in his career—a voice that one critic has called "sweet as sugar, soft as velvet, strong as steel, smooth as butter."

Don't miss Lou Rawls at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, February 14. Must be 21 to attend.



Lou Rawls

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In celebration of the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial, The Historic New Orleans Collection hosts an exhibit of rare documents, maps and paintings which began Jan. 14.

"A Fusion of Nations, A Fusion of Cultures: Spain, France, the United States and the Louisiana Purchase" brings together some of the most important American and European historic documents concerning the purchase of Louisiana.

Items focus on domestic and international events, personalities and issues from the colonial period to

acquisition of Louisiana by the U.S.

On display will be treaties, financial documents and original newspapers announcing the Louisiana Purchase, from national museums and archives in France, Spain, the Netherlands and the United States and from The Historic New Orleans Collection.

The items have never been displayed in one exhibit.

The Historic New Orleans Collection is located at 533 Royal Street in the historic French Quarter. The exhibit is free and open to the public through May

24. For more information on the exhibit, call (504) 598-7114 or visit: www.hnoc.org.

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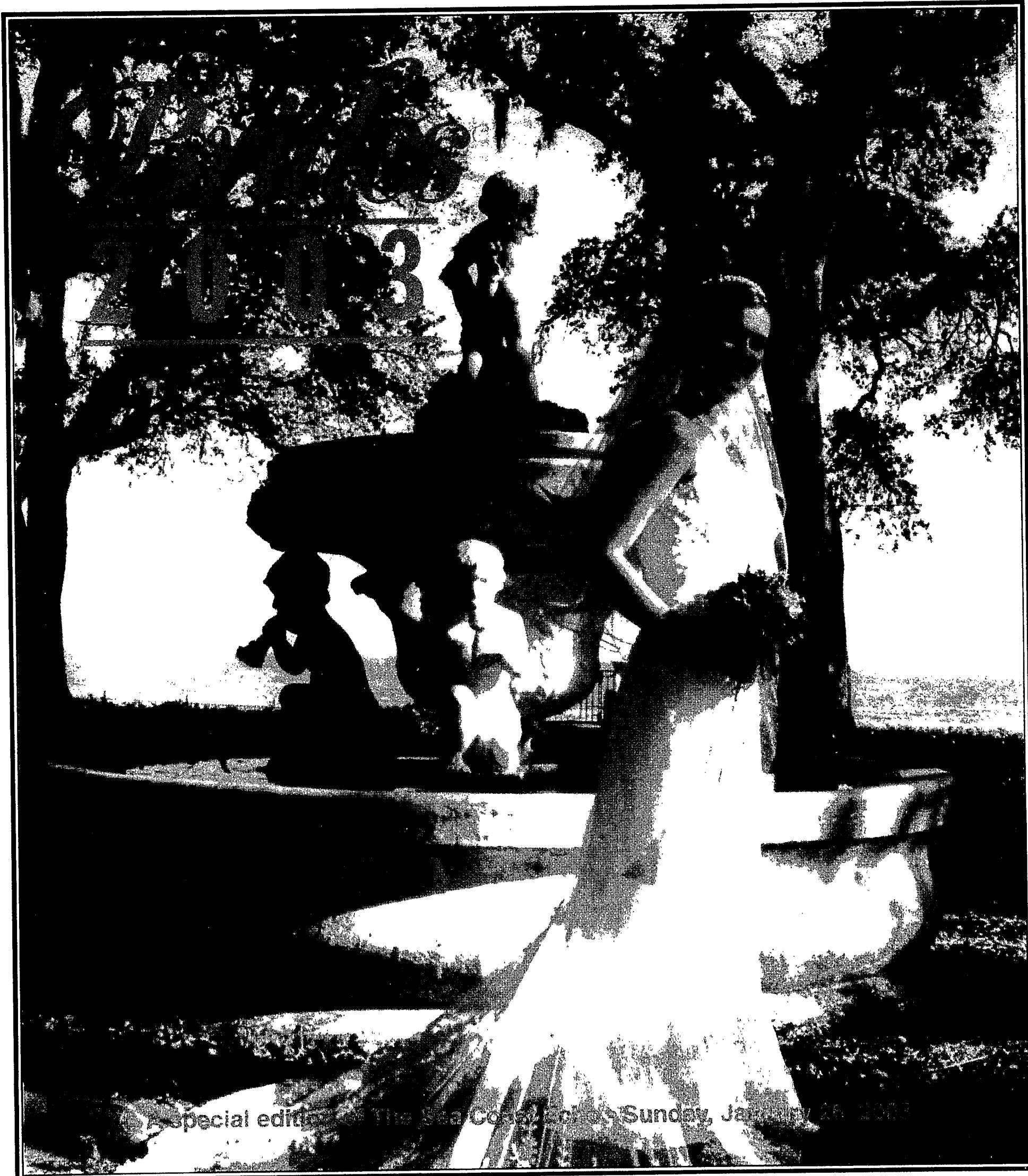
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A special edition of the Sea Coast Echo, Sunday, January 20, 2003

Discover Wedding Customs and Traditions

THE SEA COAST ECHO
One of the most ancient social customs in the world, weddings are full of customs and traditions. From throwing rice to wearing a veil, have you

ever wondered where they came from? Many of these traditions have stood the test of time and evolved from generation. Here's a look at some of the most familiar wedding favorites and a few lesser-known cus-

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ONE OF THE MOST ANCIENT social customs in the world, weddings are full of customs. The tradition of cutting the wedding cake together, still a predominant ritual at weddings, symbolizes the couple's unity and shared future.

toms:

- In England, it was traditional to bake a ring into the wedding cake as a sym-

bol of bliss and happiness. It was said that the guest whose piece of cake contained the ring could look

forward to a year of uninterrupted happiness.

- The custom of throwing rice at newlyweds symbolized fertility. Today, some still throw rice, but confetti, bubbles or rose petals are often substituted for safety and environmental reasons. Rice is easy to slip on and it can be fatal to birds who try to eat it off the ground.

- Cutting the wedding cake together, still a predominant ritual at weddings, symbolizes the couple's unity and shared future.

- Another old English custom was to throw a plate with a piece of wedding cake out a window when the bride returned to her family home after the wedding. If the plate broke, she could expect a happy future with her husband. If the plate remained intact, the future looked grim.

- The tradition of having members of the wedding party dress alike was started with the hopes that the mischievous spirits would be confused and go away.

- The tradition of wearing a veil has a similar origin. Originally, the veil was thought to fool evil spirits by

CUSTOMS--PAGE 14

The gown was decorated with pearls and crystals and highlighted with embroidery of golden thread. She wore a golden tiara of matching pearls and crystals.

Amanda's ensemble is from Yvonne's Bridalairs in Bay St. Louis. Her clutch of flowers was provided by Angel Garden Florist and Gifts of Waveland. The former Brignac property, now owned by Mr. Jim Watts of Owensboro, Ky., made the perfect backdrop for photographer Shannon Jenkins of Waveland.

Amanda is the bride elect of Brandon Dupuy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dupuy of Bay St. Louis.

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Tips To Ease The Trip Down the Aisle

The second time can be scarier than the first

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Here comes the bride ... the groom, and their children from the previous marriage. The fact of the matter is, close to 50 percent of all marriages today involve someone tying the knot for at least a second time. Blended families are far more commonplace than ever before and second marriages are now often treated with the same enthusiasm as the first.

While it's easy to find plenty of information available for first-time newlyweds, it can be a little trickier to find resources for couples who are heading down the aisle for another try. That's why MetLife Consumer Education Center has developed a brochure called, "Getting Remarried" as a helpful companion to their brochure for first-time

newlyweds, "Getting Married." Produced in conjunction with the International Association of Marriage and Family counselors, those taking the plunge for a second time can learn a wealth of information about getting married, or re-married, as the case may be.

• The first important issue a couple should consider before remarriage is finances. Many believe that discussing money can put a damper on romance. However, studies indicate that money-related issues have a way of destroying marriages. Unlike first-time newlyweds, people who remarry are usually more established and bring diverse assets to the union. For a stronger, happier relationship, partners in first- and second-time marriages need to be open and honest with their assets, debts and attitudes toward money before deciding to marry.

• Children are another topic of discussion that should be addressed immediately. After the wedding, you and your new spouse may

enjoy bliss, but things often do not go as smoothly for children involved in this new union — particularly if the remarriage follows a divorce. Roles, issues of authority and expectations need to be clearly and realistically discussed to help bring the new family together.

• As with any first-time marriage, you may be considering a ceremony and reception to celebrate your new commitment to become husband and wife. While

women who are remarrying usually do not wear as elaborate a dress as they did for their first marriage, there are still plenty of styles from which to choose. Consult bridal magazines for the options available.

• Budgeting is also a major concern. More and more couples are paying for their own weddings. Discuss with your future spouse the amount you are able to spend on all of the festivities and stick to your budget.

Don't forget that the little things really have a way of adding up.

For more information on remarriage or first-time weddings, request a free copy of "Getting Married" and "Getting Remarried" by calling (800) 638-5433. Made available as a public service, these brochures are part of MetLife Consumer Education Center's Life Advice® program, created to help people better manage their lives.



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Whether you're planning an intimate gathering for your very closest family and friends or a gala fit for royalty, you'll probably plan for months to achieve memories that will last forever. One of the most important parts of wedding planning is choosing your bridal gown. You've probably daydreamed about what you will wear, now it's just a matter of find-

ing the ideal gown. Here are some tips to make the selection process easier:

- Do your research — Make a list of the things you're looking for, including dress silhouette, neck, length, fabric, sleeves and embellishments.
- Don't judge gowns by their "hanger" appearance — The dress will take its shape while it is on your body and will look completely different from the way it did on the hanger.
- Do try on a variety of styles — Perhaps you ruled out strapless gowns before heading to the store. Try one on anyway, it could actually turn out to be your dream dress.

- Don't be "size-conscious" — Wedding gowns are cut smaller than your usual size. You'll probably have to try on a larger size which will be tailored to your body.

- Do consult bridal magazines for ideas and designers — For example, this lovely oyster silk satin gown from Alvina Valenta features a modified sweetheart satin bodice, sheer yolk and long sleeves. Hand embroidered detail enhances the neckline and cuffs. A soft scoop waist and full gathered skirt are the gown's other notable features.



Part of the fun of wedding planning is shopping for a beautiful wedding gown, like this one from Alvina Valenta, and all of the accoutrements that will make you look dazzling.

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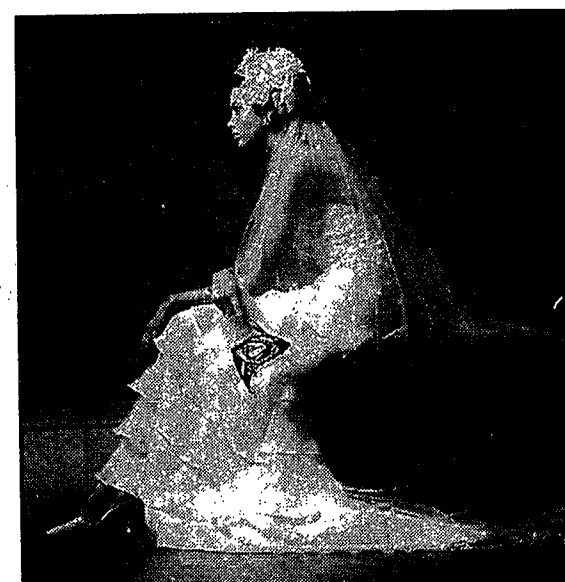
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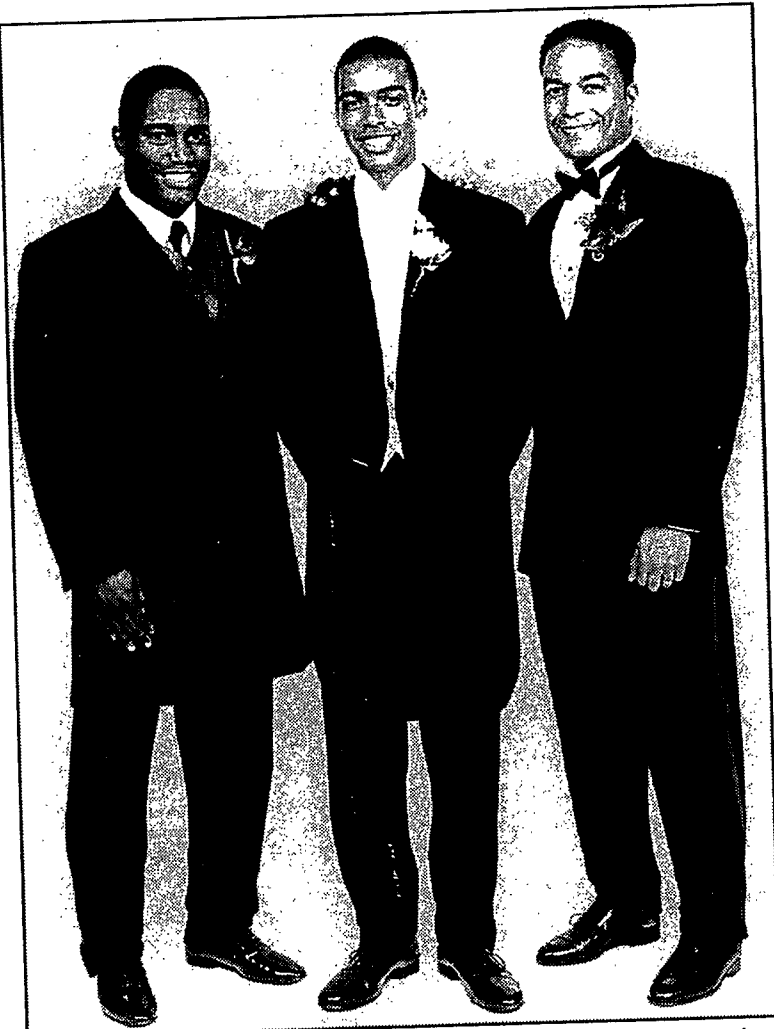
Don't Forget the Groom

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Weddings are all about the bride, right? After all, "Here Comes the Bride" is played, she walks down the aisle with a special escort, while the groom hangs out to watch all of the festivities unfold. Actually, a wedding celebrates the union between two people who will be spending their lives together, therefore it is important to make the groom feel included.

Even though many of the magazines are geared toward the bride, the major wedding issues include tips for the groom as well, notably a listing of his responsibilities leading up to the big day. Here are some of those responsibilities, courtesy of YourWeddingPlan.com.

- Announce engagement to family and friends.
- Choose and pay for engagement and wedding rings with your fiancée
- Draw up a guest list with your family.
- With fiancée, meet the celebrant and discuss the ceremony, legal requirements and any pre-marital counseling that may be required.
- Choose your Best Man and ushers.
- Discuss honeymoon destinations — check passport validity, visas and vaccinations required.
- Choose your wardrobe and arrange for the male members of the bridal party to provide sizes.
- Pre-book accommodations for out-of-town guests and attendants
- If you're having a bridal registry, help your fiancée choose your preferred styles.
- Arrange to pay for



The groom should be involved in all aspects of wedding planning.

bride's bouquet, corsages and boutonnieres.

- Confirm and reconfirm honeymoon arrangements, pick-up travel documents, travellers cheques and, if travelling overseas, exchange at least \$100 of foreign currency.
- Attend (and try to survive) bachelor party two weeks before the wedding.
- Consider your grooming — if a haircut is in order, try to make the appointment for at least a week before your

wedding day.

- Pick up suits and arrange their return (usually via the Best Man).
- Plan and practice your speech.
- Place celebrants fee (and other on-the-day expenses) in an envelope and give to the Best Man.
- Make sure the Best Man has the rings — then make sure again!
- Be on time, and be understanding when your bride is not.

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Untangling 'The Knot'

Getting married has long been referred to as "tying the knot." So, where does the phrase come from? According to some historians, this expression has its roots in ancient Rome, when the bride traditionally wore a girdle that was tied in knots. After the wedding, it was the duty of the groom to untie the girdle. Others believe the phrase is more closely associated with ancient "handfasting" ceremonies, which involved tying a cord or ribbon around the wrists of the bride and groom, thus binding them together.



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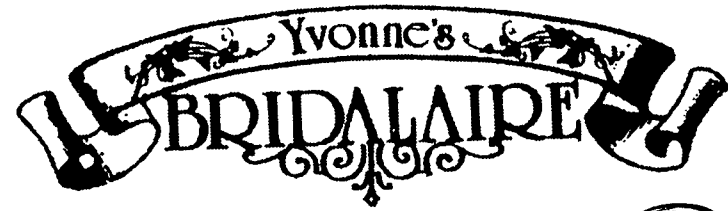
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Enhance your wedding with the art of scent-uality

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Selecting the right flower for your wedding is an art, and extending its scent throughout the wedding party and the entire event is pure genius.

What's the best flower for your wedding? Consider the location, the time of day and the season. Yves Rocher, an innovator in botanical beauty, offers tips on how to add "scent-ual" intrigue to your wedding day by selecting the flower that best suits your style and weaving its color, its scent and of course, the

flower itself, into all aspects of the day.

- A French country wedding in summer is the perfect setting for lavender. Honor the tradition of "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" by adding sprigs of this time-honored blue-hued bloom to complement your bridal bouquet and headpiece. Finish the look with Yves Rocher's Pur Desir de Lavande fragrance, part of a collection of five single note fragrances. Your lingering scent will make guests feel as though they are walking through fields of fresh lavender every time you near.

- If a chic, black-tie affair suits your style, then seduce your guests with the intoxicating red rose. This queen among flowers hides a spicy



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rich aroma within the velvety flesh of her petals. Unleash its sweet rapture by scattering these petals down the aisle for the nuptial procession. Create more majesty by having bridesmaids wear Pur Desir de Rose perfume to infuse the room as the wedding party makes its entrance. This irresistible elixir and its luxurious bath and shower products make wonderful bridesmaids' gifts as well.

- Is the garden of a Victorian mansion your

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- And if the beach at sunset is your nuptial paradise, then create a feminine, all-white wedding illuminated by the provocative pearl wings of the white lily. Have bridesmaids and bride wear varying shades of white dresses and pin a single lily on the lapel of each grooms-

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Should you Wear White' For The Wedding? A Closer Look at Options For a Brighter Smile

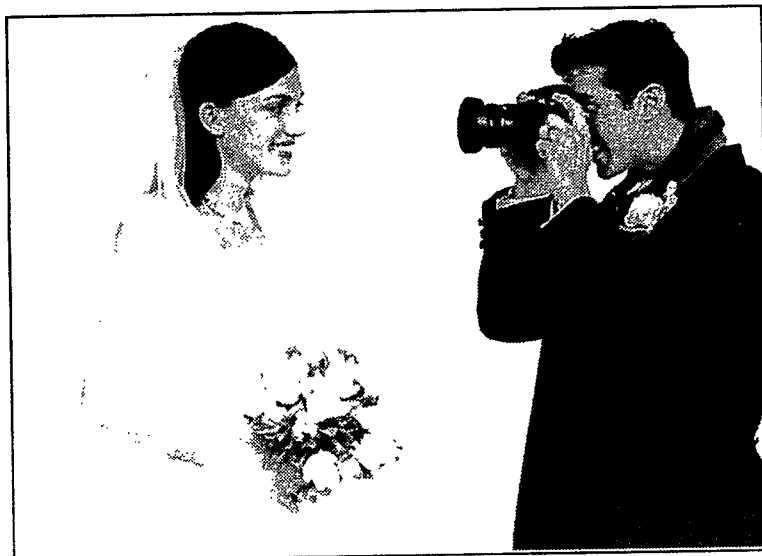
THE SEA COAST ECHO
Should the bride wear white? Nowadays, the question is not limited to future brides. Filled with plenty of smiles, laughter and of course, pictures, it's no surprise that the groom, the guests, and just about everyone else is seeking a whiter smile for the big day. Why? According to the American Dental Association (ADA), even if you brush every day, residue buildup from braces, coffee, tea, colas, red wine and cigarette smoking can, over time, dull the color of your teeth.

Methods for cleaning discolored teeth date back hundreds of years, although most of them were neither safe nor effective. For example, many products developed during the 19th century by doctors, chemists and dentists contained highly abrasive substances like brick dust, china and cuttlefish. However, in recent years there has been what appears to be a "boom" in both the number and variety of tooth-whitening products on the market, and getting a brighter smile is easier and faster than ever.

There are two main types of whitening procedures: in-office and at-home. In-office bleaching, describes whitening procedures that can be done in a dentist's office. Some may require more than one visit, each one taking 30 minutes to an hour

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The quickest way to whiten your teeth is a one-hour laser technique in which the dentist uses a low-peroxide whitening gel and a gas plasma light to lighten teeth. Many dentists offer this treatment, as well as companies like BriteSmile Inc., which offers whitening services through private dentists and its own treatment centers. During the BriteSmile procedure, a whitening gel is applied by a dentist or dental assistant and activated by a laser light.

HOME PROCEDURES AND PRODUCTS

There are also at-home whitening options that are available from a dentist or can be purchased over-the-counter for use at home. Bleaching solutions typically contain peroxide and come

in a gel. To use, you place the gel in a tray and wear it inside your mouth for an hour or more per day, depending on the product. If you purchase the bleaching solution through a dentist, he or she can create a custom-fitted tray or mouth-guard designed to fit your mouth precisely.

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'Focus' on You: Wedding Day Makeup Tips

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Most brides spend extra time applying makeup on their wedding day. Whether you are planning to do your own makeup or hire a professional makeup artist, brides who wear contact lenses should take special care with makeup selection and application, says the American Optometric Association. Tearing and irritation, while a minor annoyance, could lead to more serious problems during or after the wedding.

When shopping for makeup, choose a water-based,

hypoallergenic liquid foundation, instead of cream, to prevent leaving a film on your lenses. Avoid lash-extending mascara, which has fibers that can irritate the eyes, and waterproof mascara, which cannot be easily removed with water and may stain soft contact lenses.

On your wedding day, don't use hand creams or lotions before handling contacts — they can leave a film on your lenses.

Instead, use only an oil-free moisturizer. Keep false eyelash cement, nail polish and remover, perfume and cologne, away from lenses

because they can damage the plastic. Use hairspray before putting in contacts. If applied while the lenses are in, close your eyes during spraying and for a few seconds afterwards. Put on soft contact lenses before applying makeup. Rigid gas-permeable (RGP) lenses should go on after makeup is applied.

In addition to makeup application, tinted contact lenses can produce a dramatic effect for the day. A

bride can change her eye color from blue to green or transform brown eyes to blue. Tinted lenses — prescription or non-prescription — are safe, but must be fitted by an eye care professional only. This ensures that the lenses fit your eyes and provide you with instructions for proper care and disinfection. Wearing tinted lenses or lenses that do not fit your eyes correctly can cause serious damage to the cornea and to your gen-

eral eye health.

Finally, entrust someone with your contact lens case. Resist the urge to quickly moisten your lenses with saliva or bottled water if they become dry or uncomfortable. Both may contain bacteria that could lead to infection.

For more information about contact lens selection and care, visit AOA's Web site at www.aoa.org and click on Eye Conditions and Concerns.

Wedding Day Simplicity



ALL EYES WILL BE ON THE GROOM as well as the bride in this classic silhouette from the Oscar de la Renta Trilogy Collection that exudes style and flair. The two-button stance in standard coat length features a fresh approach, with satin-trimmed notch lapel styling and gray paisley Gemini vest.

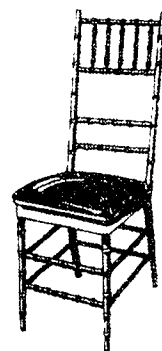


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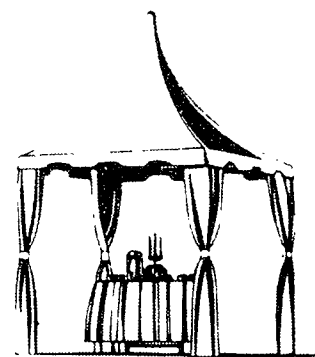
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your new life together.

With all the packing, planning, thank you's and good-byes, you may have forgotten an important thing — sunscreen. Having it on hand can prevent your honeymoon from becoming a burnt-up, uncomfortable disaster.

Think about it — many of these sunny destinations are closer to the equator where the sun is more intense than

what you may be used to.

There are a lot of products that will undoubtedly cost double on the cruise ship or in the hotel gift shop. So go prepared. Here are some tips to help you protect yourself.

- Apply early. Put it on at least 15 minutes before you hit the pool, sand or surf. Apply sunscreen in your cab, hotel room or cabana.

- Apply enough. Use at least one full ounce of product or enough to fill a shot glass.

- Use the right SPF. Choose an SPF that suits your skin type. If you are fair,

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- Be sun smart. Always use a high SPF when tanning to protect your skin against the effects of long-term sun exposure.

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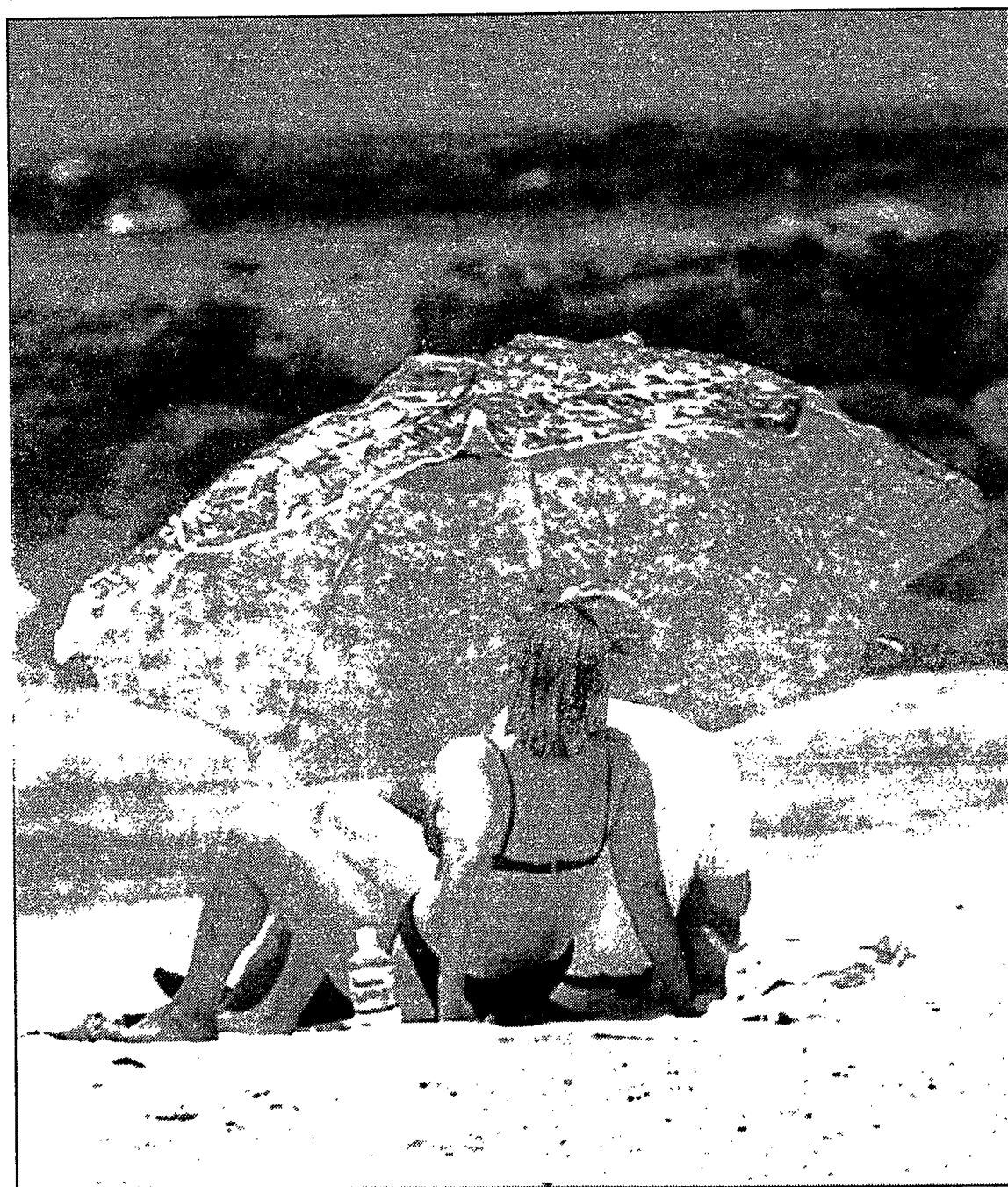
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Crash Course in Honeymoon History

Your honeymoon may be the most important vacation you'll ever take. It's a new chapter in your relationship and your first trip as a married couple. But, have you ever wondered where the term "honeymoon" came from? Did someone invent it?

Even as you pack your plane tickets and plan your itinerary, take a few moments for a quick lesson in honeymoon history, courtesy of The Honeymoon Club (www.honeymoon-club.com).

THE DRINK OF LOVE

There are two accepted theories as to the origins of the term honeymoon. The first is rooted approximately 4,000 years ago in Babylon and certain regions of Northern Europe. Back then, it was

Top Ten Honeymoon Hot Spots

Here's a look at the top ten destinations for honeymooners, according to a recent travel agent survey, courtesy of About.com.

1. Hawaii. Aloha, baby. Welcome to paradise.
2. Jamaica. Warm, sunny and welcoming. Perfect for honeymooners.
3. Mexico. So close, it's a great value south of the border and muy simpático.
4. Tahiti. Hey, it worked for The Bounty's Fletcher Christian. Travel here for an exotic, once-in-a-lifetime thrill.
5. Florida. It's sunny, rich in culture and attractions, and overall, pretty inexpensive.
6. United Kingdom. From hot, happening London to the famed British countryside, Britain's many virtues consistently beckon lovers from around the world.
7. Italy. Venice, Rome, Tuscany, Florence, you can't beat it.
8. Bermuda. Gorgeous pink sands, transportation via mopeds and not too much to do at night, which is just fine with many honeymooners.
9. France. Ah, l'amour. Take a trip to the country that invented the stuff.
10. St. Lucia. This island is one of the lushest in the Caribbean, combining French-Creole warmth and hospitality with English sophistication. Bon voyage!

customary for the newly married couple to drink milheglin, a mead or wine made from fermented

honey, water and often spices, fruit or malt after the marriage.

Traditionally, newlywed

couples drank the milheglin together for a period of about thirty days, or one lunar month. Some believe that the term "honey month" and eventually, "honeymoon" grew out of this ancient custom.

A PRISONER OF LOVE?

People often speak of being "imprisoned by love," but the second explanation of the term "honeymoon" indicates that there may at least some truth to this oft-used cliché. It stems from the Norse word, *hjunotts-mahathr*, which translates roughly to "wedding-night month."

According to Northern European history, it was pretty common for a young woman who had aroused the interest of a young man to be literally kidnapped from a neighboring village.

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Honeymoon Trends for 2003

The wedding is just the beginning. There's plenty of excitement planning the honeymoon as well, from choosing a travel adventure to deciding what to bring along on the journey.

And for many, planning this "Great Escape" is just as important as planning the wedding. Regardless of where you decide to go, there are some things you should know to make it the kind of experience you want it to be.

First, you must decide on a budget. If money is not an issue, bon voyage! However, if you're like most engaged couples, you're already paying for more than you anticipated. Establish a budget and use it as a guide. You may also want to consider using a honeymoon gift registry like the free one provided by www.TheHoneymoon.com. Honeymoon registries allow guests, friends and family

to contribute towards specific elements of your honeymoon, like shore excursions, parasailing, spa services and tours. If you already have a crock pot, toaster and blender, this may be just what you need.

Of course, honeymoon budgeting takes on new meaning if you decide to do a "destination wedding." These are becoming popular as more couples decide to forego the average \$20,000 wedding price tag in addition to the honeymoon expense.

They are especially popular with second marriages.

It's easier to get married in some countries than others, so be sure to check with a reliable information source, like the country's consulate or the U.S. Department of State, before making any arrangements.

After setting a budget, you need to decide where you would like to go.

If you and your fiancé want the same type of honeymoon experience, no problem. However, if one craves adventure while the other wants to relax in the sun, you need to compromise.

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After the Honeymoon: Insurance Advice for Newlyweds

Congratulations! You've just tied the knot and are settling into your new lives as husband and wife.

To help make married life a little more secure, all newlyweds should take steps

towards financial freedom by assessing their personal insurance needs.

Let's start with the car or cars you drive. If you each have a car registered in your own name, consider combining them under one policy. Most insurance companies

offer a discount for insuring multiple vehicles under one policy.

Insurance rates are typically lower for married drivers, so make certain that your insurance agent or insurance company representative is aware of your change in marital status.

Now, let's move on to those expensive wedding gifts and the furniture you've bought for your new life together — not to mention your beautiful ring. Have you considered what would happen if any of these valuables were stolen or lost in a fire? Now may be a perfect time to consider purchasing property insurance for your home or to reassess the coverage that you currently have.

The main purpose of homeowner's insurance is to protect your home and your personal property from fire, theft or other damage. Most

lenders require homeowner's insurance to get a mortgage.

Couples who rent should consider getting renter's insurance to cover the value of their possessions. As you combine households, it's probably a good idea to get one policy that covers both of your possessions.

Whether you own or rent, you want to be sure your policy also provides liability coverage if you are sued for negligence in or out of your home. Your homeowner's or renter's policy should become effective the day you move in to your new home.

It's important to keep in mind that most homeowner's and renter's policies have a limit on jewelry coverage (usually \$1,500); therefore you may need to add additional coverage — called a rider or endorsement — to your policy to cover expensive engagement and wed-

ding rings.

"Assessing and addressing your insurance needs early on will help carry you over the threshold towards financial stability," says Michelle DeWine, MetLife Auto & Home's vice president of corporate marketing. "Determining what insurance coverage is right for you is an important step, and can save you a lot of grief in the long run. In all cases, your best bet is to place a quick call to your insurance carrier or local agent shortly after the honeymoon ends."

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Home Sweet Home: Easy Relocation Tips

Congratulations — you and your spouse are moving into your first home together as newlyweds. Whether that means a house with a white picket fence or an urban condo on a tree-lined city street, the process of moving — even with help from professional movers — can be overwhelming.

By following a few helpful moving tips, you can make the load a little lighter and lessen the chances of letting your excitement about a new home get lost within the shuffle. Following are some tips to help you get started:

- Make a list of addresses and phone numbers of utility companies, newspapers, magazines and any other publications to which you subscribe. You will need to inform them about your move. Then, familiarize yourself with the new area. Locate the nearest pharmacy and bank; check for branch stores or offices and make sure your new information is in their database.
- Get a free change-of-



Newlyweds can adjust easily to their new surroundings if they are prepared for their move.

address kit from the post office. For extra flair when informing friends of your move, send specially designed change-of-address cards (available at card shops) or create your own and personalize them using rubber stamps or stickers.

- Make sure you have plenty of boxes on hand. First, pack the things you don't use or need right away, and move them in early. Anything you can take care of ahead of time will make the moving day easier. Remember to label the out-

side of the boxes so you know what is inside each one.

- Consolidate as much as you can. Wrap fragile items in towels, linen, tissue or thick layers of newspaper. Use smaller boxes for heavy items like books, and larger boxes for lighter items.

- Before you start unpacking, make the bed. Moving can take days, but this way, you're guaranteed a good night's rest, no matter where you leave off in your unpacking. And, you'll be better rested for the next day's labors.

Fine Jewelry Adds Delight and Meaning to Wedding Celebrations

Wedding days are filled with the most special things: love, flowers, family, music, feasts and of course — fine jewelry.

A treasured ring typically kicks off the engagement and wedding festivities, so it is natural to note that fine jewelry, including gold, platinum, colored gemstones, diamonds and cultured pearls play a special part of the institute of marriage.

In fact, 52 percent of brides are still choosing the round brilliant cut diamond for their engagement ring. Visit www.adiamondisforever.com to see other shapes, design your own engagement ring or simply learn more about the "4 C's" of diamonds: color, cut, clarity and carat weight.

"Brides are realizing that unlike the wedding dress, destined to be worn just once, the fine jewelry they choose for their special day will be enjoyed for decades to come," says Elizabeth Florence, executive director of the Jewelry Information Center (JIC), a nonprofit trade organization representing the fine jewelry and watch industry. Here is a look at what smart brides, grooms, attendants and relatives are giving and wearing this season.

Ode to a lady: Cameos from years past are among the most romantic jewelry ever worn. Once depicting gods and goddesses, cameos were typically worn as pins on the lapel of a lace collar.

Today, newly purchased cameos carved from conch shells and worn on an ivory silk cord or velvet ribbon are just as special and nostalgic as those borrowed from one's mother or grandmother.

Non-traditional attire: Strapless gowns or those with simple necklines cry out for jewels to adorn the

exposed neck, collarbone and décolletage. Drop or stick earrings in 18-karat gold or platinum skim the neck, while sky blue aquamarine chunky beads provide a dash of that "something blue." A fiery diamond brooch pinned to the waist is also a classic, memorable choice. Fine jewelry also provides the perfect person-



Fine jewelry adds delight to wedding day celebrations — to wear, to give and to treasure for years to come.

al touch when worn in unique ways. For example: fashionable bride Jennifer Lopez pinned a brooch in her hair as a festive addition to a beautiful upsweep.

Pearl-fect: Cultured pearls are to brides as bow ties are to grooms — it's just not a wedding without them. Classic Akoya pearl button earrings and significant-sized pearl bracelets with fancy clasps are staples for blushing brides.

South Sea cultured pearls can grow to be the largest type, with thick nacre and lustrous hues of gray, green and gold. This variety can create the perfect pendant when suspended from a beautiful platinum or gold chain.

Freshwater cultured pearls are an ideal choice

for brides on a budget. Layer creamy white strands gathered together with a geometric clasp covered in scintillating pavé gemstones. For a little more drama, opt for a platinum lariat with uniquely shaped Baroque pearls as tassels, which can be draped down the back of a low cut satin sheath dress.

Get me to the church on time: Fine jewelry and watches are being enjoyed by grooms more than ever. Tourneau and Seiko have created handsome pocket watches reminiscent of days past at differing prices, which can be engraved with a loving message from the bride or act as a symbol of appreciation when given to the best man or beloved father. Dapper choices for ushers or groomsmen also include money clips, cufflinks, fountain pens, cigar lighters and sterling silver key chains.

Pretty maids all in a row: Dangle cluster briolette earrings in colored gemstones, like mandarin garnet, amethyst or pink tourmaline to match the dress or complement personalities are perfect gifts for the bridal attendants. Delight flower girls with tiny lockets, diamond pendant crosses, stars of David or heart necklaces that acknowledge their special role in the wedding.

The most important step in selecting any piece of fine jewelry is to shop at a reputable and professional jeweler. Look for a jeweler who is a member of a professional trade association, such as Jewelers of America (JA), which requires high ethical standards of members and provides them with ongoing education.

For more information on fine jewelry and to find a list of professional jewelers near you, visit the Jewelry Information Center's web site at www.jewelryinfo.org.

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Talking Targets Problems Early

Being open and honest with each other is the most important key to any relationship, especially a marriage.

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And, it's not always enough to just "talk" — rather, to find answers to the really tough relationship questions, it's important to know what to ask.

Critically-acclaimed author Corey Donaldson has interviewed hundreds of people to discover exactly what those questions are, and in the process discovered a method for targeting divorce-causing problems way before the wedding in his book, "Don't You Dare Get Married Until You Read This!" (Crown Publishing).

Alternately playful and provocative, and filled with anecdotes from his own relationship with his wife, Donaldson takes an unflinching look at such hot

topics as:

- Does it matter to you who earns most of the money?
- What place do you believe religion should have in our relationship?
- Who cleans the house?

Perfect for engaged couples or partners in established relationships who just want to get to know each other again, "Don't You Dare Get Married Until You Read This!" is a must-have for anyone who wants to make their relationship last.

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disguising the bride.

It was not until the start of the 19th century in Britain that the veil came to symbolize modesty and chastity.

• It is believed that an unmarried male guest who puts a slice of wedding cake under his pillow when he sleeps will increase his chances of finding a mate. An unmarried bridesmaid who does the same will dream

about her future husband.

• In the past, if a young man encountered a blind person, a pregnant woman or a monk while on his way to propose to his intended bride, it was believed that the marriage would be doomed if he continued along his path because the images were thought to be bad omens.

• May was an unlucky month to marry in Roman

times because the Feast of the Dead and the Festival of the Goddess of Chastity both occurred during this month.

• Seeing a lamb, frog, spider, black cat or rainbow on the way to the wedding ceremony is a sign of good luck. Seeing an open grave, pig, lizard, a nun or a monk are thought to be bad luck.

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There are destinations that can satisfy both of you — you just need to do some research. To get started, check out www.Honeymoons.com, an informational Web site published by Susan Wagner, a former travel editor of Modern Bride.

Next, you have to decide whether you want an all-inclusive package or you would prefer to be on your own a little more. For those with tight budgets, an all-

inclusive honeymoon has the advantage of a package price. This includes most activities at both all-inclusive resorts and on cruises, though there are usually some expenses which are not included.

Now you need to book and pay for this trip. Many honeymoon suppliers offer specials for early booking, which may or may not include airfare.

Packages that include air can offer significant savings because retailers buy airline

seats in at a discount, then package hotel and sometimes car rental.

These packages usually need to be purchased from businesses like the www.TheHoneymoon.com, which combine travel agent services, the convenience of the Internet, honeymoon registry, personal wedding web pages, and honeymoon information at your fingertips — all from the convenience of your home or office, or your local travel agent.

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The abductor, of course, had to take his bride into hiding for a time, until her family stopped searching for her.

The "groom's" friends and family protected the couple and made sure their whereabouts remained secret. When the bride's family gave up their search or when

she became pregnant — after absent a month — the groom would bring his captive out of hiding and back to his people to arrange a "bridal price."

Nowadays, the term is often used as a tongue-in-cheek reference to the waning affection of newlyweds.

Simple Ideas for making Creative Wedding Favors

Show your gratitude to your wedding party

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Your guests celebrated your special day with you — a gift in and of itself. A traditional way to show your gratitude is with a wedding favor. Ornate or simply made and elegant, these small gifts invariably send a big message, expressing appreciation for your guests' participation in the wedding. They also serve as mementos of this special day.

The ideas for favors are endless, but here are a few to get you started. You can spend a lot or a little money — it's up to you. Just make them special.

Go seasonal. Give a gift in the spirit of the season. For February, do Valentine's chocolates, sunscreen or beach balls for summer affairs, or plastic pumpkins filled with candy corn for autumn weddings.

Create a keepsake. No one wants a favor that will just create clutter. So give guests something they'll use — try a picture frame, key chain, fragrance or music box.

Get crazy. Have fun with your favor! A pair of boxers, a bottle of bubbles, comic books or lottery tickets will show your wild side.

Just eat it. Who can resist a favor that's edible. Try a miniature box of good chocolate, gourmet jelly beans or mixed nuts in small canisters. For personalization, attach an embossed ribbon or label with your name and wedding date.

Donate to charity. Make a donation to your favorite organization in honor of your marriage. Print up a card or note to tell guests about your good deed.

Give a tasty beverage. A



ELEGANT AND ORNATE or simply made and heartfelt, these small gifts send a big message, expressing appreciation for your guests' participation on your special day.

small bottle of wine or beer from a microbrewery with a ribbon or label noting your name and wedding date will help guests remember you as they guzzle your gift. You can add onto the favor by supplying them with beer mugs or wine glasses engraved in silver or black ink with your names and wedding date.

Watch it bloom. Small plants or tree saplings potted in antique or pretty pots are sure to last long after your wedding day. Other ideas are flower bulbs, packets of seeds, a single rose or a flower lei at each place setting. Your florist can also design centerpieces that break apart so each guest can take home a flower bouquet

or small plant. Or, give boutonnieres and corsages to each guest.

Enliven the senses. Entice your guests' senses with potpourri in a bag or small vials of perfume or cologne. Or try scented candles or miniature scented soaps.

Write it down. Blank books, journals or notepads in your wedding colors will let your guests record memories of your big day. Or give small plastic calendars or rip-off-the-date ones. You can add on pens, pencils or markers.

Go sporty. Personalized tennis or golf balls will appeal to sports fans. Or try baseball caps or visors.

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Imagine a beautiful bride, all dressed in white, walking down the aisle without music. The eerie silence would be deafening. When choosing music for your wedding day, don't let every bride's worst nightmare become your reality — take the time and necessary precautions to avoid wedding day music disasters.

Ask friends, relatives and the local musicians union for recommendations and check references. You can call the Better Business Bureau or Consumer Affairs to find out if there have been any complaints about the music providers you are considering. To inquire about disc jockeys (DJs), you also can call the American Disc Jockey Association.

You'll need music for the ceremony as well as the reception, so consider the following when determining what kind of music will be appropriate:

- **Location** — Churches or synagogues may have certain rules and regulations about what kind of music is acceptable. Be sure to ask first, to avoid any costly alternatives.

- **Performers** — Chances are, you'll want different performers for the reception than you will for the ceremony. You may want a string quartet, vocalist or flutist for the ceremony, but a DJ for the reception — spinning your favorite tunes. Additional performers to consider: comedian, bagpipe players, dancers.

- **Size** — Keep in mind the size of the ceremony and

location. While a string quartet might be the perfect background for an intimate ceremony, a larger hall will not share the same acoustics.

- **Style** — Is the wedding formal or informal? Contemporary or traditional? A full-piece orchestra would seem a bit lavish for an informal reception with a casual style. Aim for music that suits the style or theme of the wedding.

- **Taste** — Pleasing every

guest is next to impossible, however, choosing music that fits your guests' tastes will make for a lively, more memorable wedding. As for the reception, determine whether the crowd will be older or younger, and what you expect of them. If your goal is to have a full dance floor, choose music that will make them want to dance.

Once you've decided on music, it's time to get the perfect wedding signed, sealed and delivered — with

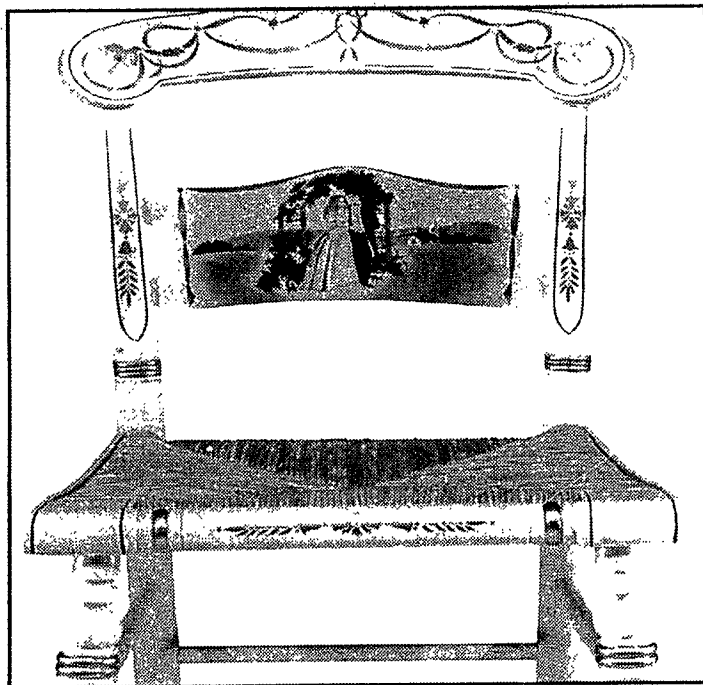
a contract. Be sure to include the following items:

- Agreed-upon price, amount of deposit, additional charges (travel, early setup, cocktail hour) and overtime rates

- Date, number of hours they'll be playing music and location

- Number of breaks, what kind of refreshments will be available to them and how they'll fill in the breaks (CDs, tapes, other entertainment).

A Gift For a Lifetime



An appreciation for family heirlooms is resurging in popularity, according to wedding experts. Popular keepsake gifts include monogrammed linens, engraved silver flatware and crystal. A longtime American tradition offering a unique way to commemorate special occasions is the Hitchcock Bridal or Anniversary Chair with gilded date, message and bride and groom's name. Be it simple or grand, the key is choosing personalized gifts made to last a lifetime.

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